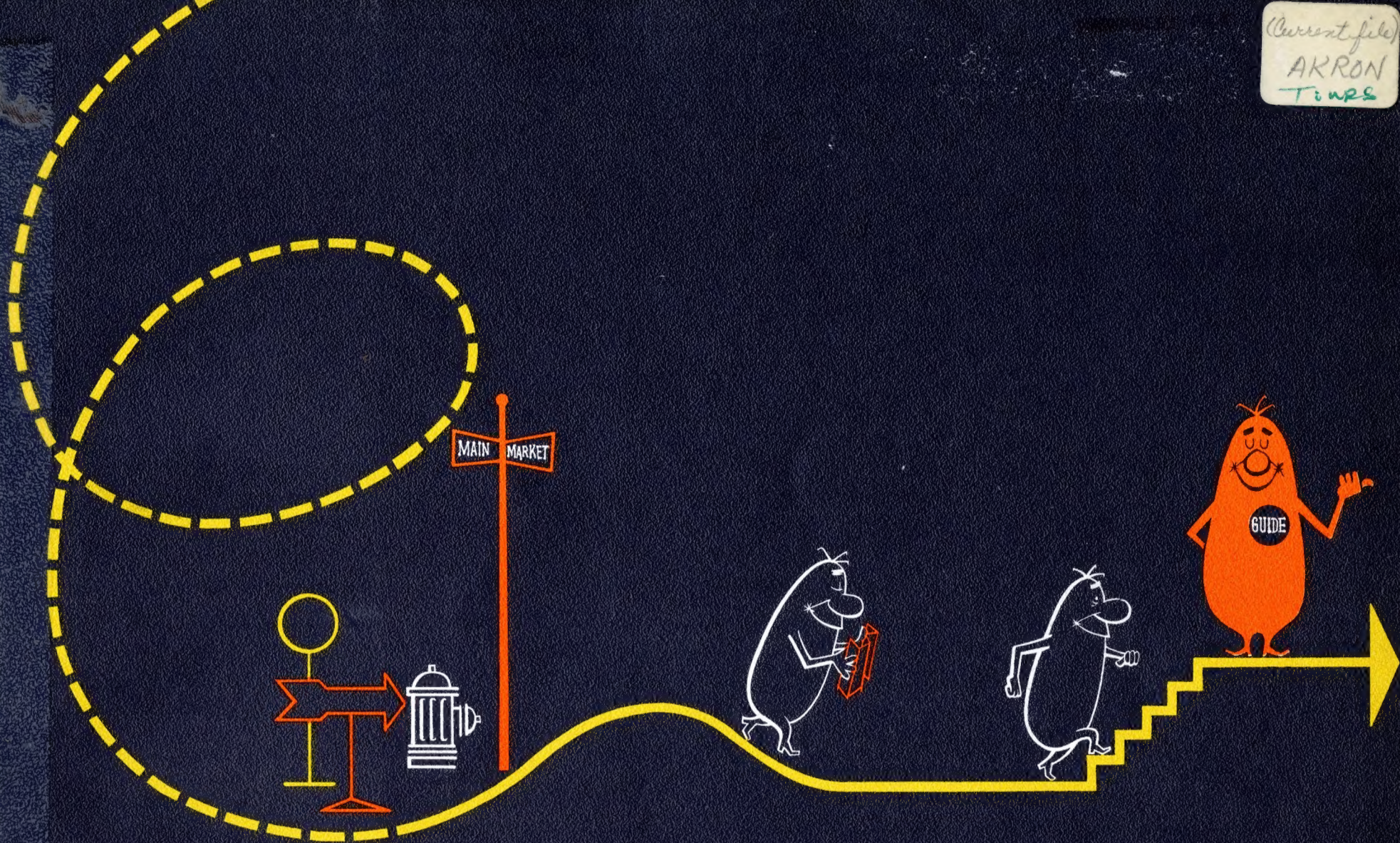


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# FOREWORD

This is today's story of Akron, Ohio, and the metropolitan area surrounding this great commercial center. Located in northeastern Ohio, Akron and the encircling three counties are steeped in midwestern tradition — the incredible richness and security of a region located far from the oceans — the remarkable concentration and balance of agricultural and industrial wealth — the inventiveness and independence of the people.

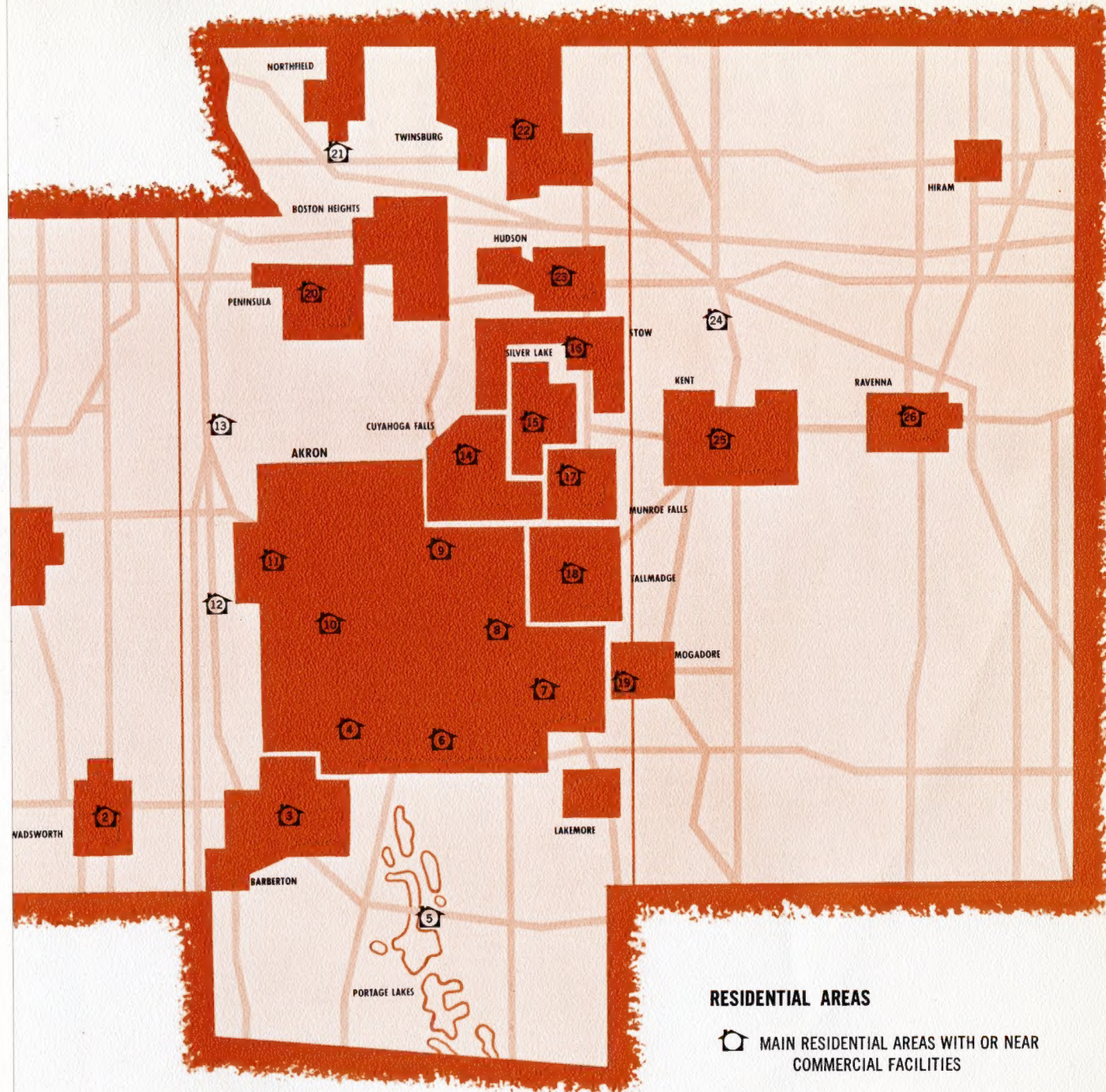
The Tri-County Area is a region rich in opportunity. It contains 1330 square miles and has a population of 675,000. In this book, we intend to give you a quick, comprehensive look at the area today and a glimpse of what tomorrow may bring.





# RESIDENTIAL AREAS

- 1—Medina
- 2—Wadsworth
- 3—Barberton
- 4—Kenmore
- 5—Portage Lakes
- 6—Firestone Park
- 7—Ellet
- 8—Goodyear Heights
- 9—North Hill
- 10—West Hill
- 11—Fairlawn
- 12—Copley
- 13—Bath
- 14—Cuyahoga Falls
- 15—Silver Lake
- 16—Stow
- 17—Munroe Falls
- 18—Tallmadge
- 19—Mogadore
- 20—Peninsula
- 21—Northfield
- 22—Twinsburg
- 23—Hudson
- 24—Twin Lakes
- 25—Kent
- 26—Ravenna



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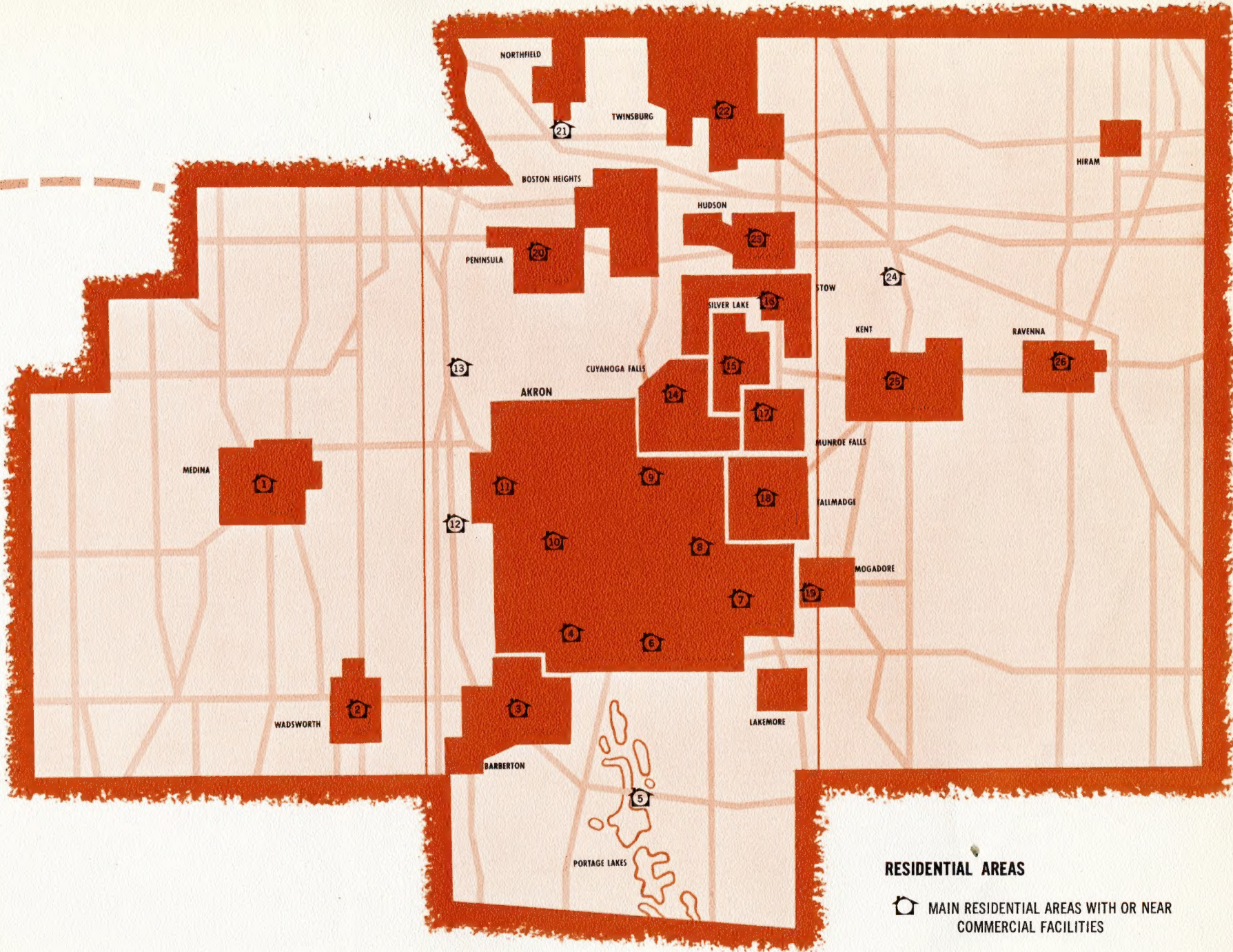


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# OUR HOMES

"A man's house is his castle . . ." And in the Tri-County Area over 200,000 own their own "castles." The amount of recent home building assures an ample supply of houses for newcomers. This also applies to apartments either furnished or unfurnished. Whether you buy or rent, there is a home for you, at any price level your income and circumstances permit. Whatever your choice in living design, you will find it in the Akron area!

Dwell in spacious one-to-three bedroom apartments  
in West Akron . . .

. . . or in suburban  
Copley township,  
west of Akron . . .

. . . or in neat, moderately  
priced apartments in  
Cuyahoga Falls.



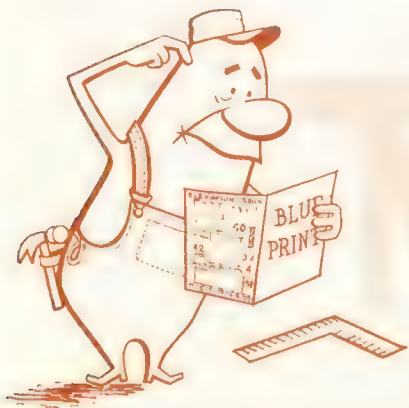




Well-trimmed green lawns and freshly painted houses are the keynote in Cuyahoga Falls . . .



. . . in the Portage Lakes area, boat houses are as important as garages . . .



. . . while suburban Fairlawn represents gracious city living.







University Heights in Kent boasts  
moderately priced homes on large lots . . .

. . . Bath township, just outside Akron,  
means country living at its finest.

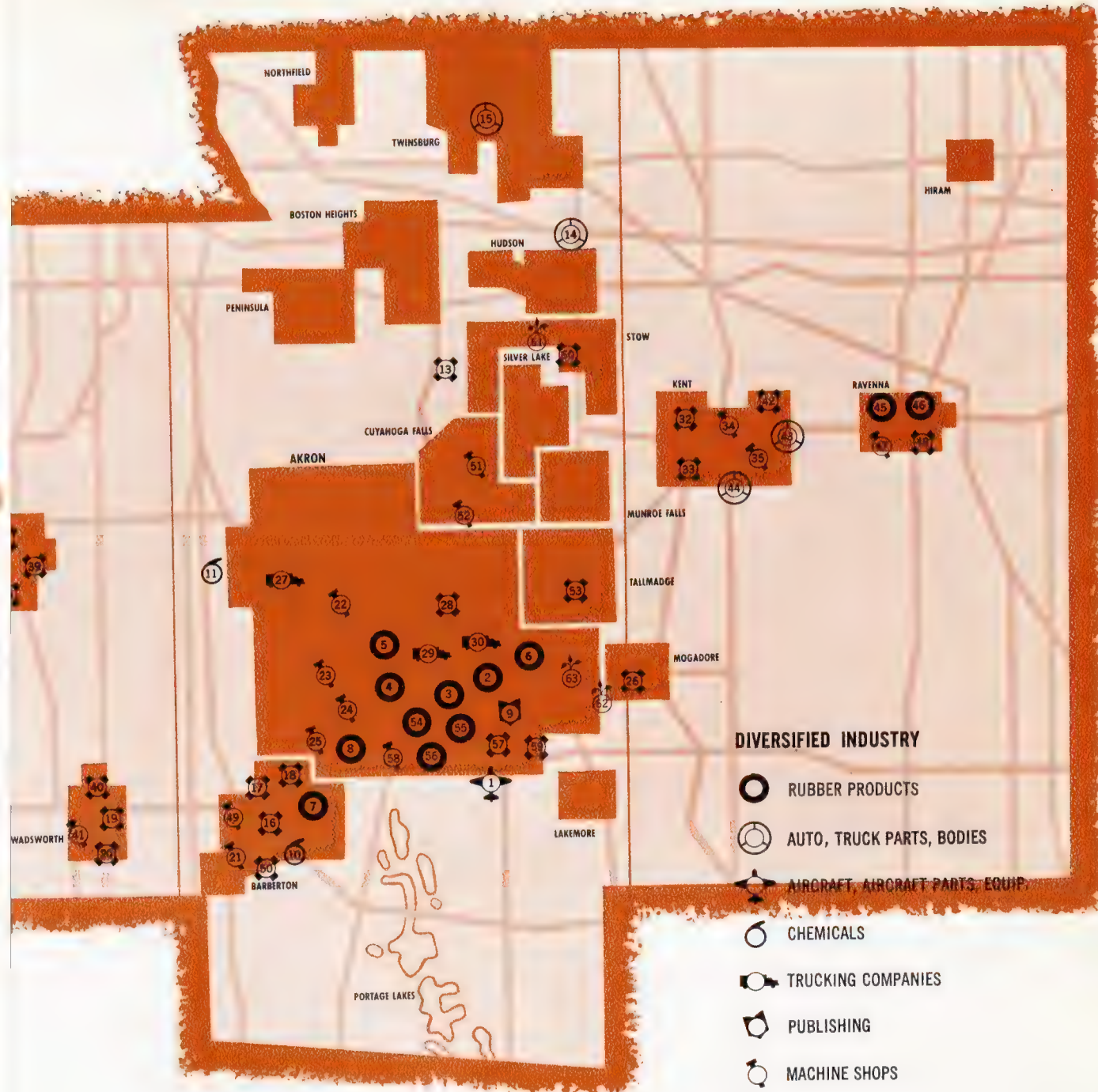




# DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRY

- 1—Goodyear Aircraft Corp.
- 2—Goodyear Tire & Rubber
- 3—General Tire & Rubber
- 4—Firestone Tire & Rubber
- 5—B. F. Goodrich Co.
- 6—American Hard Rubber
- 7—Seiberling Rubber
- 8—Mohawk Rubber
- 9—Saalfeld Publishing
- 10—Columbia-Southern
- 11—Minnesota Mining
- 12—Hood Chemical Co.
- 13—Alside, Inc.
- 14—General Motors Euclid Div.
- 15—Chrysler Corp.
- 16—Diamond Gardner
- 17—Ohio Brass
- 18—Rockwell Manufacturing
- 19—Ohio Injector
- 20—Ohio Match
- 21—Babcock & Wilcox
- 22—National Rubber Machinery
- 23—McNeil Machine
- 24—Bridgwater Machine
- 25—Mechanical Mold
- 26—Robinson Clay Product
- 27—Motor Cargo
- 28—Enterprise Manufacturing
- 29—Roadway Express
- 30—Dixie Ohio Express
- 31—Permold Co.
- 32—Lake Erie Flexicore
- 33—Lamb Electric
- 34—Gouglar Machine

- 35—Lamson & Sessions
- 36—Locke Manufacturing Co.
- 37—H. W. Madison Co.
- 38—Henry Furnace Co.
- 39—A. J. Root Co.
- 40—Bearfoot Sole Co.
- 41—Wadsworth Foundry Co.
- 42—Davey Compressor Co.
- 43—Fageol Products Co.
- 44—Purolator Products, Inc.
- 45—Oak Rubber Co.
- 46—Pyramid Rubber Co.
- 47—A. D. Williams Co.
- 48—Chamberlain Engineering Co.
- 49—Lectromelt Casting Co.
- 50—R-W Manufacturing Co.
- 51—Falls Stamping and Welding Co.
- 52—Vaughn Machinery Co.
- 53—U. S. Stoneware Co.
- 54—Kendall Co.
- 55—R. C. A. Rubber Co.
- 56—Rempel Manufacturing Co.
- 57—Burger Iron Co.
- 58—R. H. Freitag Manufacturing Co.
- 59—Burt Manufacturing Co.
- 60—Morgan Adhesives, Inc.
- 61—Ohio Industrial Parks, Inc.
- 62—Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad Industrial District
- 63—Industrial Heights, Inc.



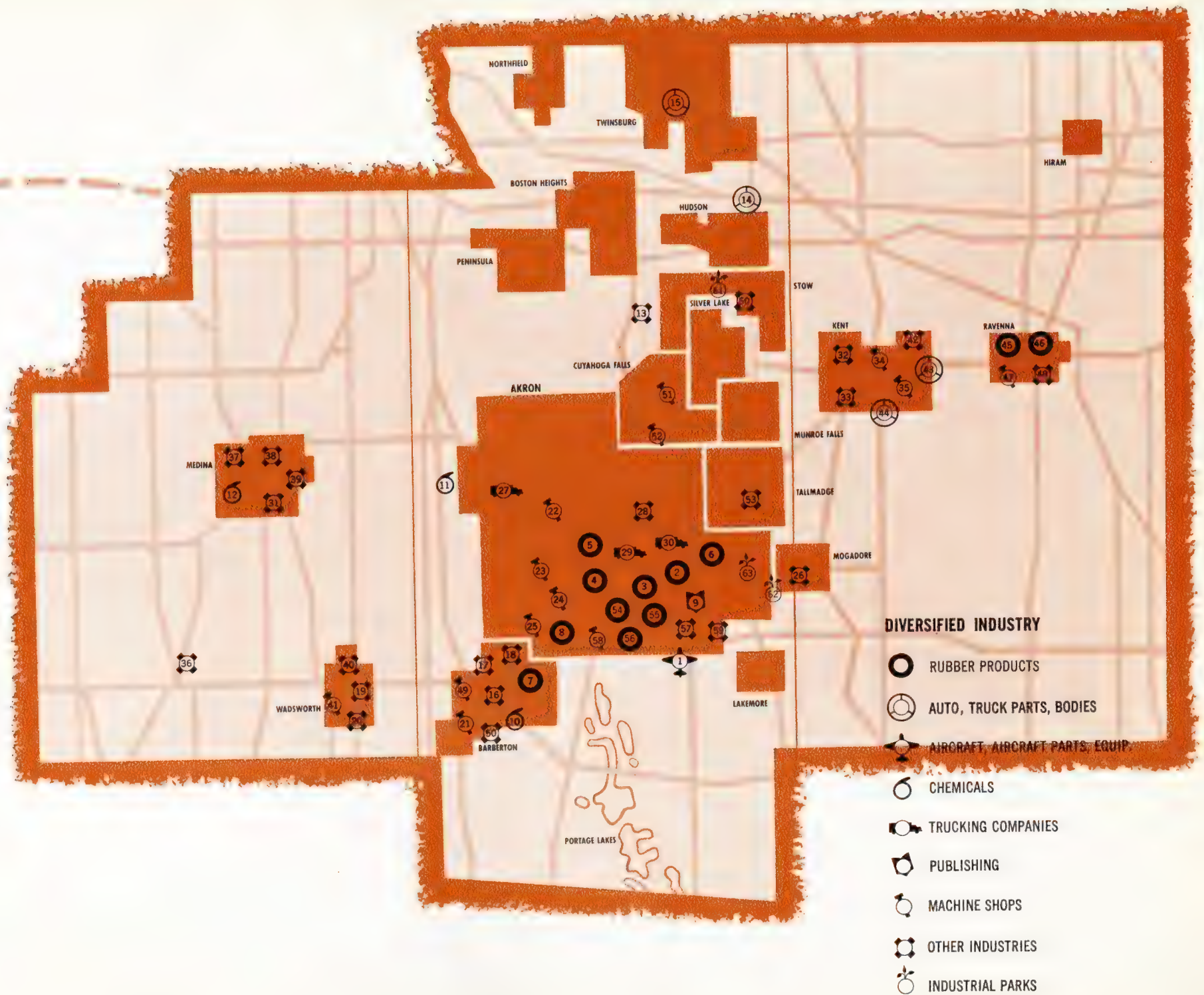




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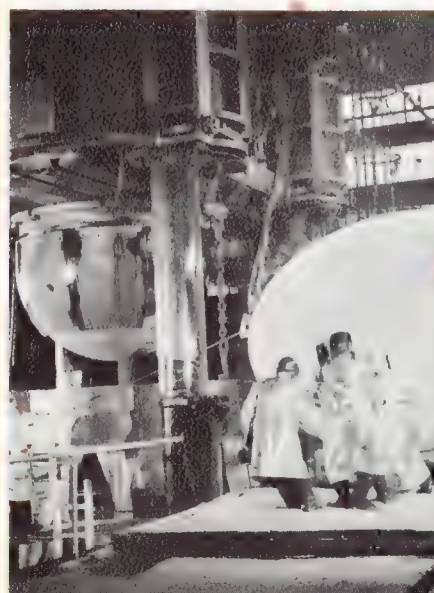
Firestone . . .

"What you get by your own labor is sweet to the taste..." Tri-County Area citizens are proud of the jobs they are doing and the contributions they are making not only to the betterment of the local area, but to civilization around the world. For more than 100 years the region has been the home of some of the nation's most important manufacturers. Known as the "Rubber Capital of the World," Akron is the home base of 54 producers of rubber goods, representing more than \$4,000,000,000 annually in production.



# OUR JOBS

...and Goodrich symbolize the great rubber industry ...

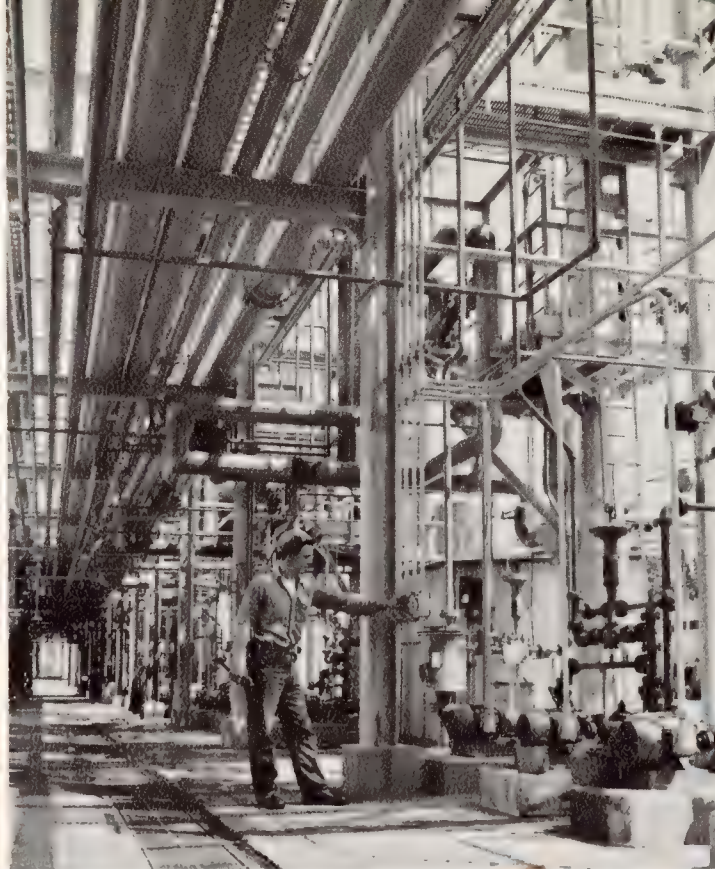


At Babcock & Wilcox's Barberton plant, a 30-ton hot steel slab becomes the bottom closure of a nuclear reactor.





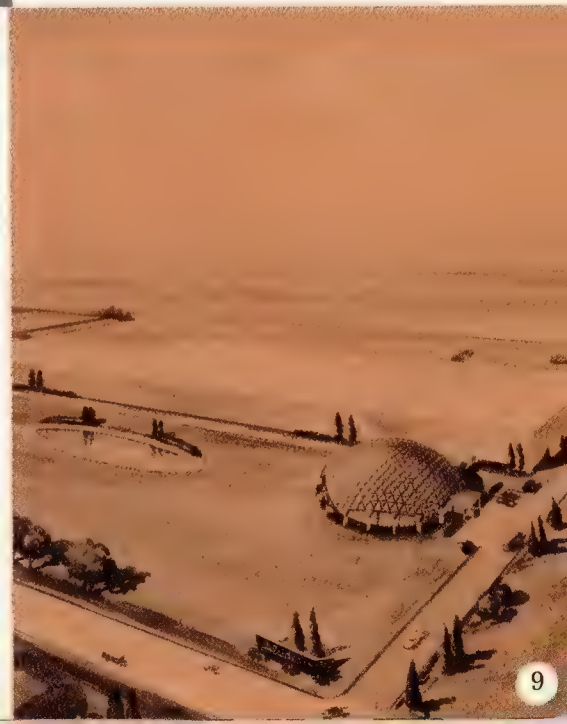
Goodyear Tire and Rubber's Aircraft Corporation plants sprawl in the shadow of the giant hangar where "blimps" are made . . .



Columbia-Southern Chemical Company's Barberton plant is a maze of ducts and tubing to the inexperienced eye . . .

This is the home of the famous "blimps" used for radar detection. The world's largest fishing tackle factory is located here and one of the largest producers of children's books. Plastics are manufactured here, and automotive parts, chemicals, food products, ordnance, glass, ceramic, clay and wood products, transportation equipment, fabricated metal products, and industrial machinery. In recent years, our industries have played a major role in developing rockets and space equipment. Whatever the future holds, many of tomorrow's products are sure to be made in the Tri-County Area.

. . . Alside, Incorporated, maker of aluminum siding and home products.







General Tire & Rubber Company's bustling home office . . .



General Motors' Euclid Division at Hudson . . .

. . . and Chrysler's Ohio Stamping Plant at Twinsburg, give diversification to area industry.





# COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

## SHOPPING AREAS

- 1—Canton Road (downtown Ellet)
- 2—Eastgate Shopping Center
- 3—Midway Shopping Center
- 4—State Road Shopping Center
- 5—Fairlawn Plaza
- 6—Stow Plaza
- 7—Norton Village
- 8—Stow-Kent Shopping Center
- 9—Graham Road Shopping Center
- 10—Front Street (downtown Cuyahoga Falls)
- 11—Downtown Akron
- 12—Downtown Barberton
- 13—Downtown Kent
- 14—Downtown Ravenna
- 15—Downtown Hudson
- 16—Arlington Plaza
- 17—South Plaza
- 18—Wooster-Hawkins Shopping Center
- 19—Magic City Shopping Center
- 20—Co-Op
- 21—Wilbeth Center
- 22—Castle Homes Shopping Center
- 23—University Plaza
- 24—Lakemore Plaza
- 25—Coventry Shopping Center
- 26—Medina Square (downtown Medina)
- 27—Downtown Wadsworth
- 28—Downtown Lodi
- 29—Medina Shopping Center
- 30—Buchtel Plaza
- 31—Westgate Shopping Center
- 32—Brunswick Plaza
- 33—Laurel Square Shopping Center
- 34—Downtown Windham
- 35—Downtown Garrettsville
- 36—Streetsboro Shopping Center

## RESTAURANTS

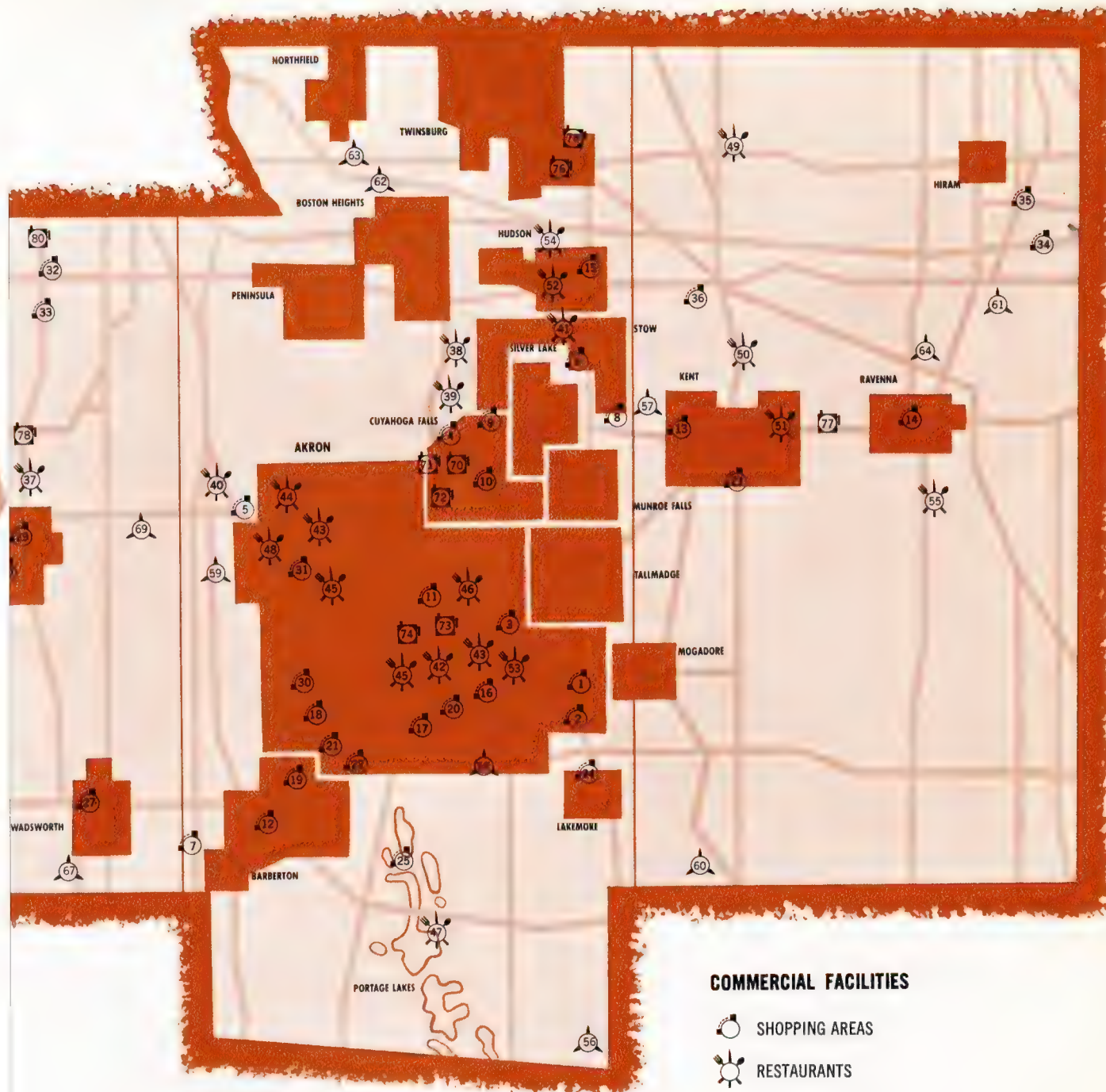
- 37—Pine Tree Inn
- 38—Marcel's
- 39—Anthe's
- 40—Chanticleer
- 41—Smorgasbord
- 42—Clark's
- 43—Tangier
- 44—Embers
- 45—Iacomini's
- 46—Sanginiti's
- 47—Young's
- 48—Nick Yanko's
- 49—Aurora Inn
- 50—Green Trees Inn
- 51—Robin Hood
- 52—The Surrey
- 53—Brown Derby
- 54—Reserve Inn
- 55—Cherry's Steak House

## AIRPORTS

- 56—Akron-Canton Airport
- 57—Kent State Airport
- 58—Akron Municipal Airport
- 59—Gibson Airport
- 60—Wingfoot Lake Airship Base
- 61—Mills Landing Field
- 62—Sky Haven Airport

## HOTELS, MOTELS

- 70—Chesterfield Inn
- 71—Town & Country Motel
- 72—Falls-Akron Motel
- 73—Mid-Town Motel
- 74—Sheraton Hotel
- 75—Blue Top Motel
- 76—Clevelander Motor Hotel
- 77—Eastwood Motel
- 78—Rolling Green Motel
- 79—Towne Motel
- 80—Linn-Deil Motel
- 81—Town Tourist Court



## COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

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General Tire & Rubber Company's bustling home office . . .

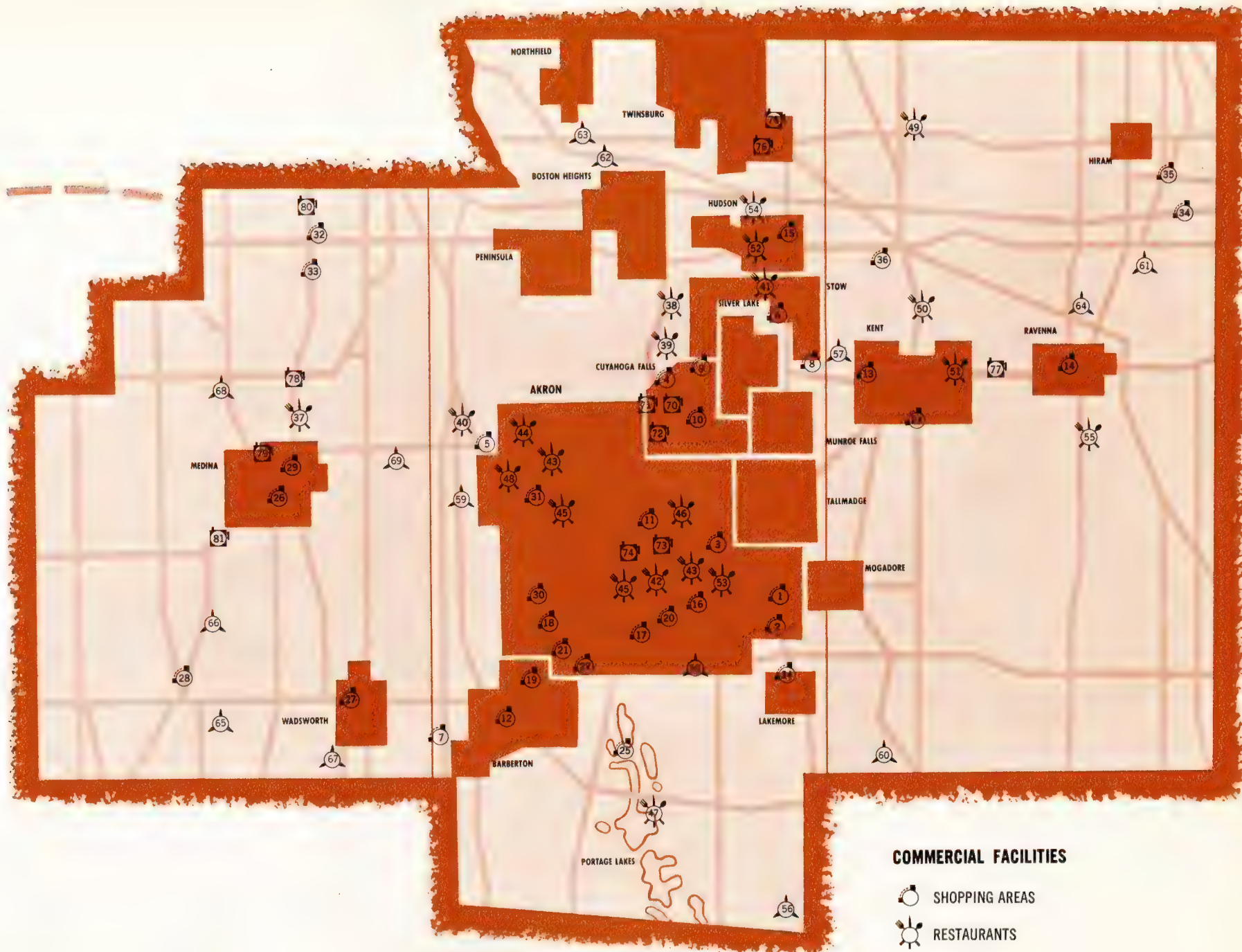


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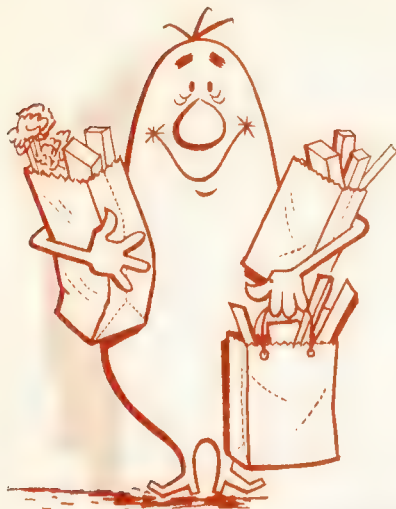








Shopping is pleasant . . .



. . . on the West side . . .



. . . at Polsky's downtown . . .

## OUR SHOPS

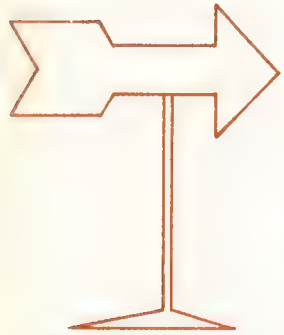
"When the measure is full, it runs over . . ." And the Tri-County Area has its full measure of shops, restaurants and other commercial facilities. Besides three large, modern downtown department stores, there are 24 shopping centers in the Greater Akron area, surrounded by acres of parking space. They are conveniently located in suburban residential areas and sell everything from tea cups to tricycles. As far as restaurants are concerned, the Akron area tops the list in northeastern Ohio in both quality and quantity. We have a reputation for eating well!



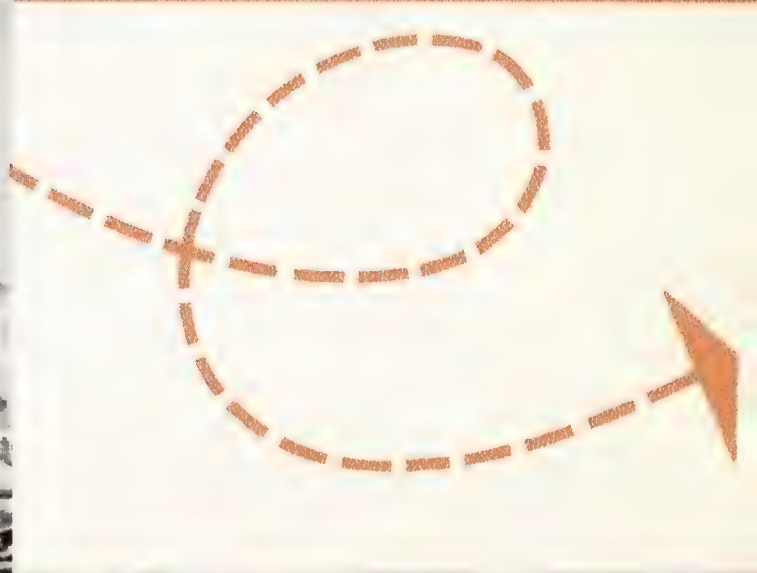
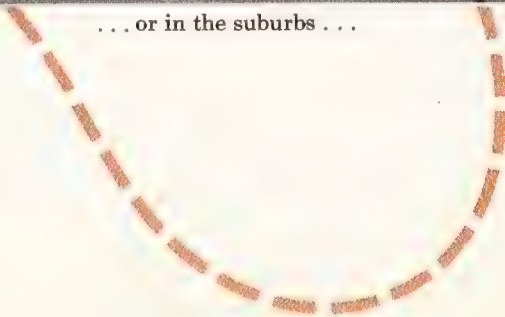
. . . on the East side . . .



... whether in large department stores like O'Neil's ...



... or in the suburbs ...



... or in smart small shops like Birnbaum's.





# RESTAURANTS



It's good eating downtown at Clark's ...



...at Sanginiti's ...



... at Iacomini's in Akron ...



... or at the Pine Tree Inn in Medina County.





Specialties abound at the Smorgasbord in Stow . . .



Flaming Sword dinners are served at Nick Yanko's . . .



. . . and Old English dishes at the Robin Hood in Kent . . .



. . . while the Aurora Inn offers country dining at its best.







# HOTELS

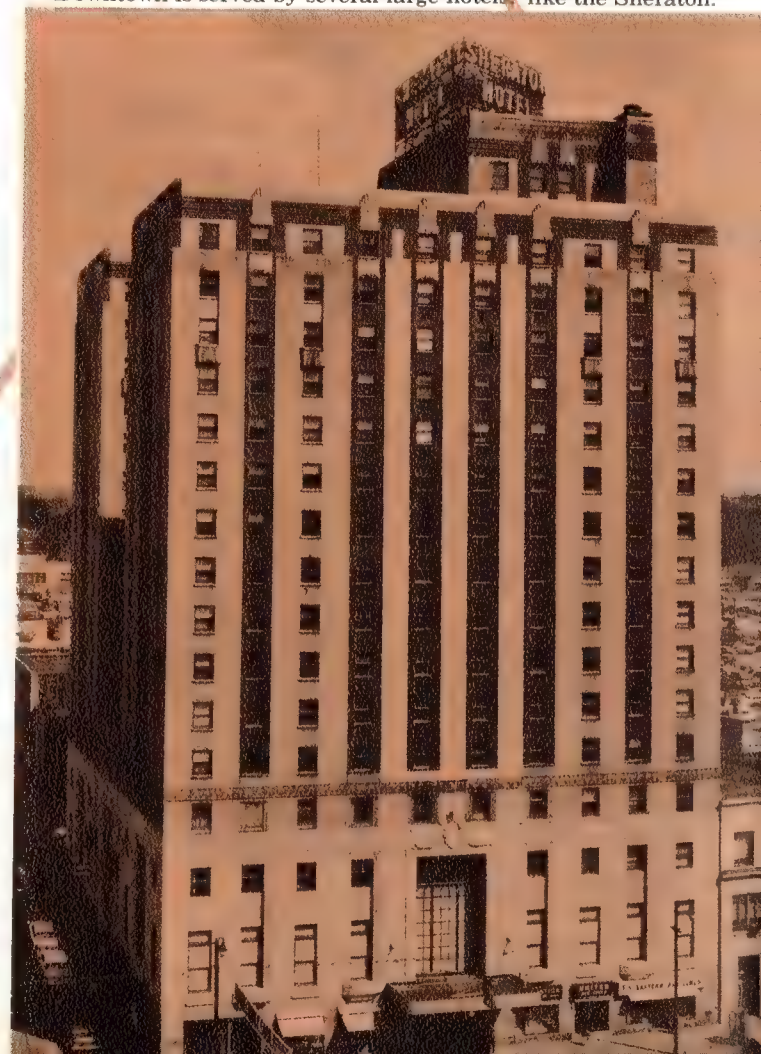
Modern motels and hotels provide a “home away from home” for hundreds of travelers and newly arrived citizens in the area. The Akron Expressway, running through the heart of the city, makes it easy to get from one side of town to the other, or to the downtown section. Main highways link with other Ohio cities and with other states. The Ohio East-West Turnpike and the Ohio North-South Freeway intersect just north of Akron and can be reached in minutes. Six major railways connect directly with key cities all over the nation. Ten airports serve the area with ten scheduled airlines providing passenger service to all parts of the world. It's easy to get in, out, or around the Tri-County Area!

Fine motels we have a-plenty . . .

. . . in the suburban areas . . .

. . . or in the center of the city.

Downtown is served by several large hotels, like the Sheraton.







Waiting for a bus can be a pleasure in this modern terminal building . . .



# TRANSPORTATION

Akron's Union Depot serves three major rail lines.



Traveling across town is fast and easy via the new Expressway.



Ohio's pride—the East-West Turnpike can take you across the state in three hours . . .

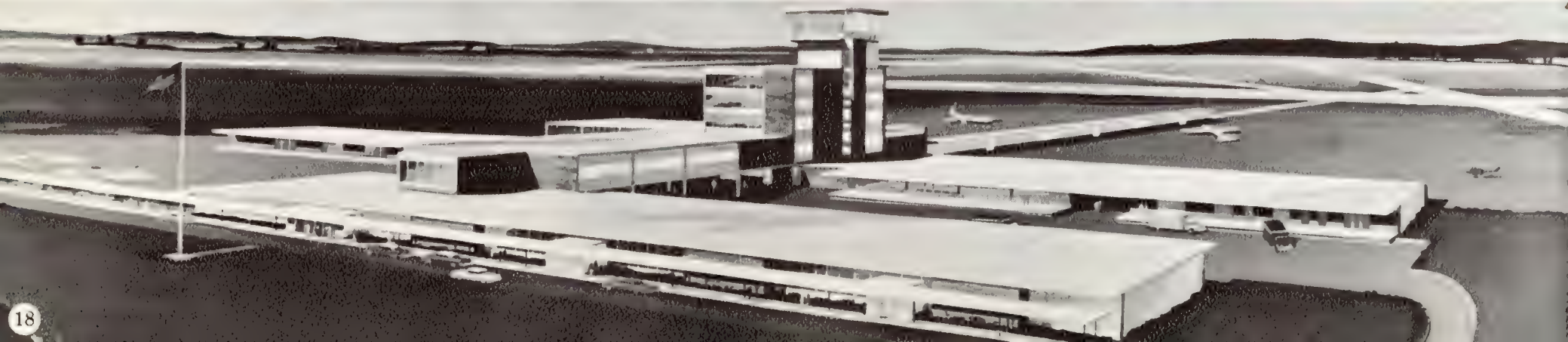
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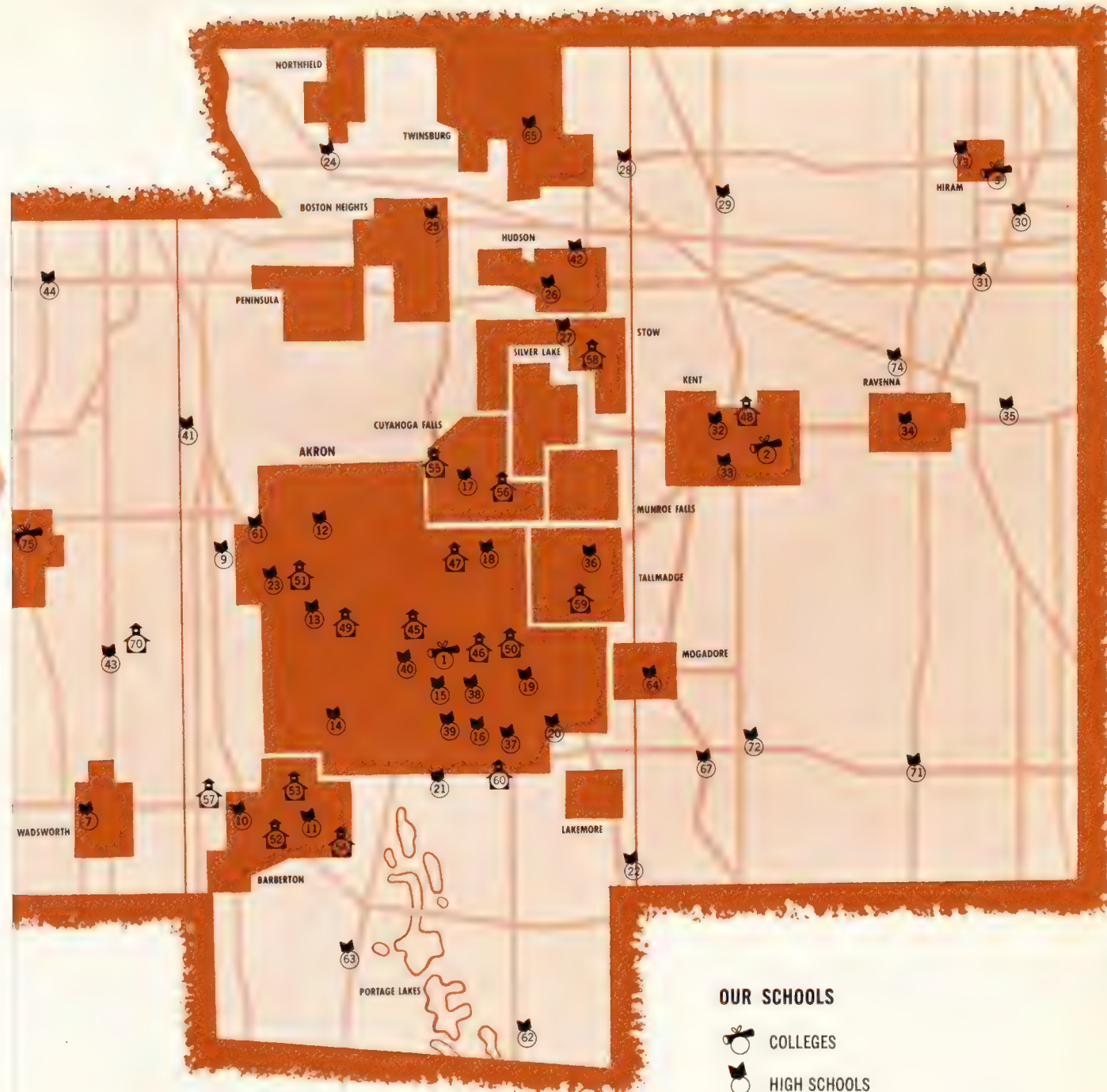
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# OUR SCHOOLS

- 1—University of Akron
- 2—Kent State University
- 3—Hiram College
- 4—Homerville High School
- 5—Lodi High School
- 6—Seville High School
- 7—Wadsworth High School
- 8—Medina High School
- 9—Copley High School
- 10—Norton Sr. High School
- 11—Barberton Sr. High School
- 12—St. Vincent's High School
- 13—Buchtel High School
- 14—Kenmore High School
- 15—Central High School
- 16—South High School
- 17—Cuyahoga Falls High School
- 18—North High School
- 19—East High School
- 20—Ellet High School
- 21—Coventry High School
- 22—Springfield High School
- 23—Our Lady of the Elms High School
- 24—Northfield-Macedonia High School
- 25—Boston High School
- 26—Hudson High School
- 27—Stow Sr. High School
- 28—Aurora High School
- 29—Crestwood High School
- 30—Garfield High School
- 31—Windham High School
- 32—Roosevelt High School
- 33—Kent State University High School
- 34—Ravenna High School
- 35—Southeast High School
- 36—Tallmadge High School
- 37—St. Mary's High School
- 38—Garfield High School
- 39—Hoban High School
- 40—Hower Vocational High School
- 41—Revere High School
- 42—Western Reserve Academy
- 43—Highland High School
- 44—Brunswick High School
- 45—Goodrich Jr. High School
- 46—Goodyear Jr. High School
- 47—Jennings Jr. High School
- 48—Kent Jr. High School
- 49—Perkins Jr. High School
- 50—Thornton Jr. High School
- 51—West Jr. High School
- 52—Highland Jr. High School
- 53—Portage Jr. High School
- 54—Light Jr. High School
- 55—Bolich Jr. High School
- 56—Sill Jr. High School
- 57—Norton Jr. High School
- 58—Stow Jr. High School
- 59—Tallmadge Jr. High School
- 60—Erwine Jr. High School
- 61—Old Trail School
- 62—Green High School
- 63—Manchester High School
- 64—Mogadore High School
- 65—Twinsburg Chamberlain High School
- 66—Spencer High School
- 67—Suffield High School
- 68—Buckeye High School
- 69—Leroy High School
- 70—Granger Jr. High School
- 71—Atwater High School
- 72—Randolph High School
- 73—Hiram High School
- 74—Ravenna Township High School
- 75—Extension Branch, Kent State University



## OUR SCHOOLS

-  COLLEGES
-  HIGH SCHOOLS
-  JUNIOR HIGHS



Ohio's pride—the East-West Turnpike can take you across the state in three hours . . .

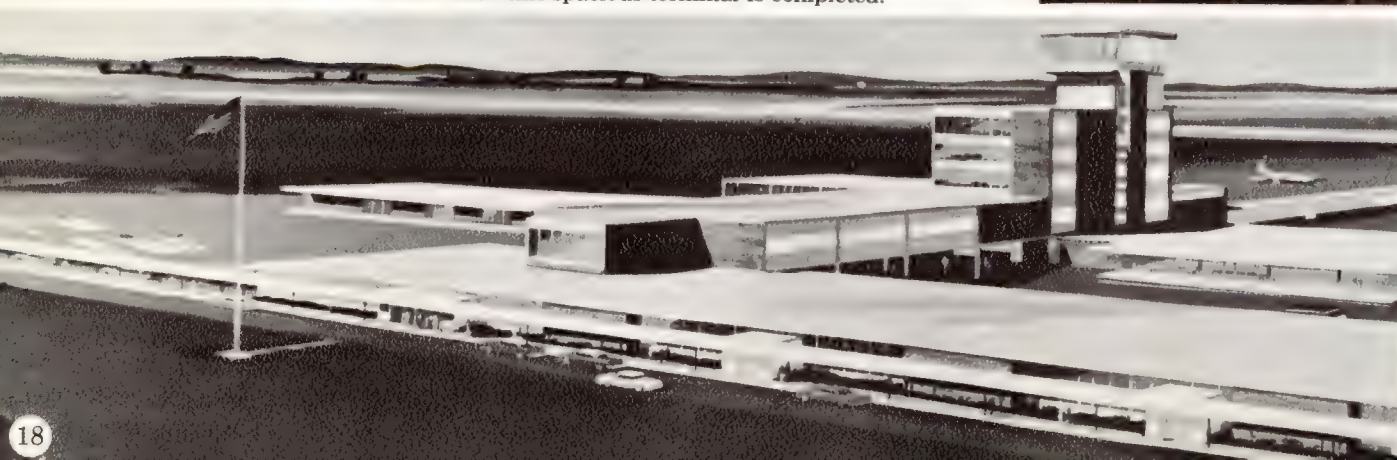
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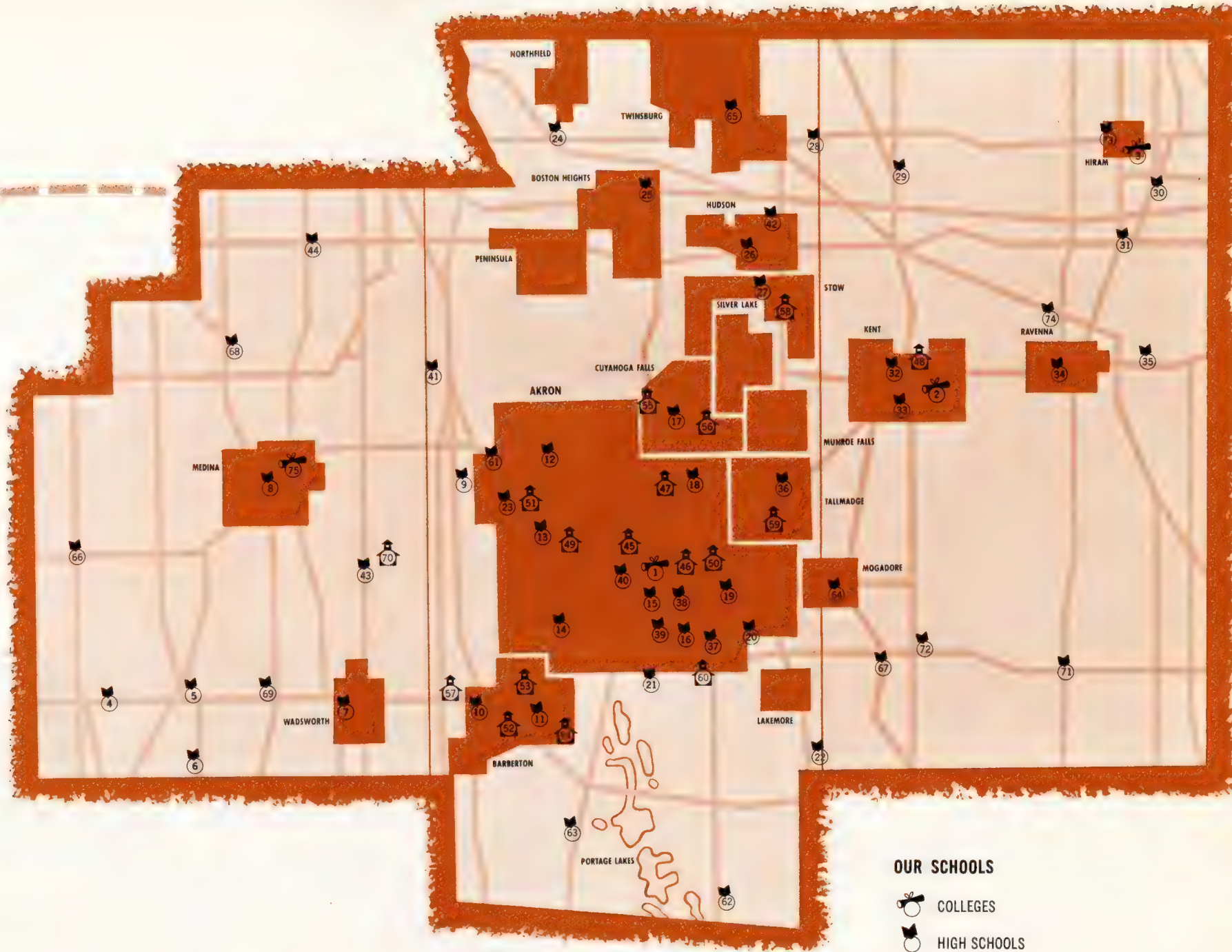
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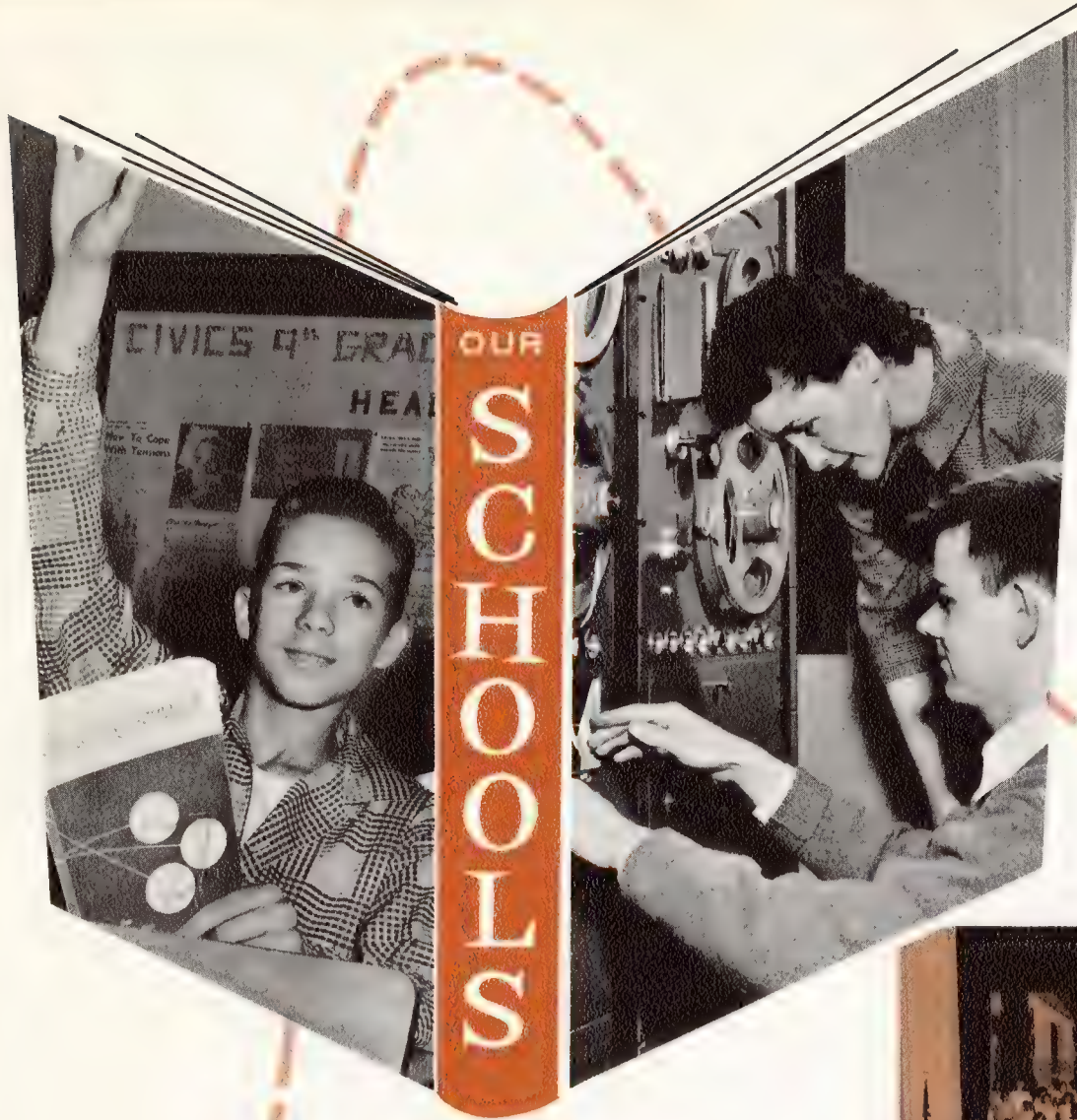
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Getting a good beginning . . .

"A good mind possesses a kingdom . . ." It is to this end that our schools and colleges strive in their efforts to give a thorough education to the young people of the region. Huge building programs have taken place both in the public school systems of the area and in the parochial and private schools, to keep abreast of increasing enrollments. Three colleges and universities with a total enrollment of 14,000 are located in the area. The University of Akron, widely known for engineering and chemistry, is a municipal university located in the heart of the city. Hiram College is a fine liberal arts denominational college; and Kent State University is Ohio's third largest state university. The Akron Law School provides professional training to many area students; while Hammel-Actual Business College and other trade schools offer vocational training to thousands each year. From kindergarten through college, our youth expect and receive the best possible education through institutions supported by citizens and parents.

. . . the all-city Spring Music Festival . . .







New schools are continually being built, like these in Cuyahoga Falls . . .



. . . in Akron . . .  
. . . and in Kent.



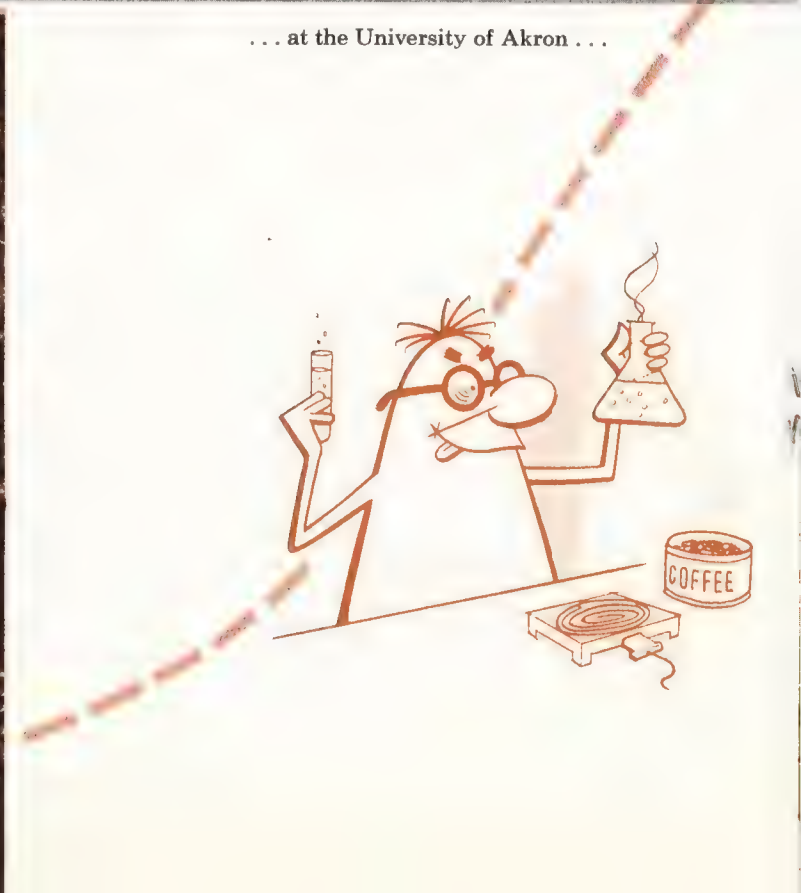




Higher education is close by  
at Kent State University . . .

. . . at the University of Akron . . .

. . . or at Hiram College.







Experimentation goes on day and night at the research centers of Firestone . . .



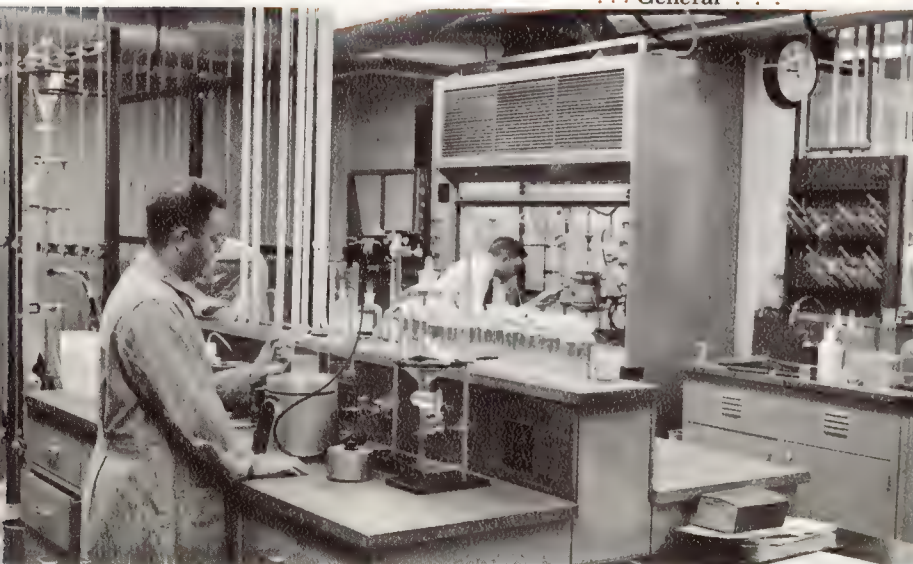
. . . Goodrich . . .

# RESEARCH

Opportunities and facilities for research are many in the Tri-County Area. Most of the larger companies have special buildings and extensive laboratories for experimental work, particularly in rubber, chemistry, steel and basic research. Schools such as the University of Akron, and Case and Western Reserve at Cleveland, offer technical and professional training for the researcher.

The American Societies of Civil Engineers and Mechanical Engineers and the American Institutes of Chemical Engineers and Electrical Engineers each have active Akron area chapters in which qualified persons may participate. With local industries playing a major role in conquering outer space, experimentation and research departments will be constantly expanding to meet the demands of the future.

. . . General . . .



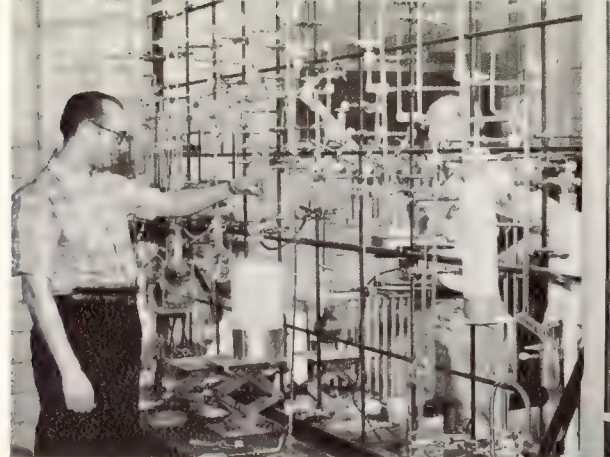
. . . and Goodyear.



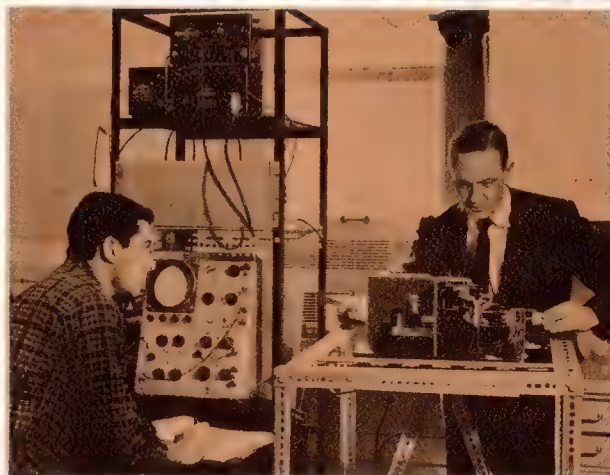




... a high vacuum rack at  
Knight Chemical Laboratory ...



... a monochromator and oscilloscope  
at Western Reserve U. ...



Students study an atomic reactor at Akron U. ...

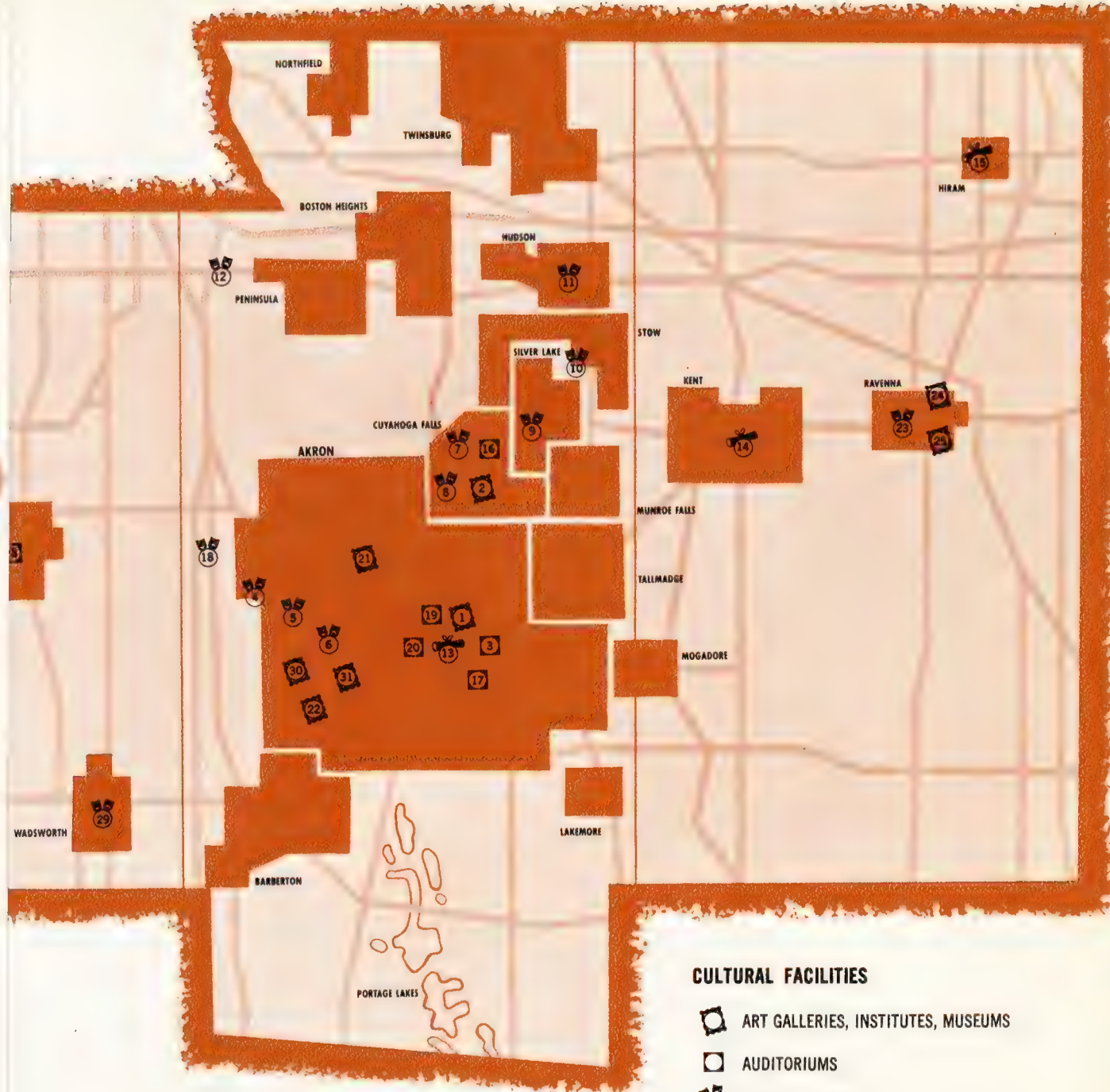


... and the Betatron at Case.



# CULTURAL FACILITIES

- 1—Akron Art Institute
- 2—Falls Civic Art Center
- 3—Akron Armory (site of Tuesday Musical Concerts, Akron Symphony Orchestra, Akron Youth Orchestra)
- 4—Weathervane Community Theatre
- 5—Coach House Theatre
- 6—Center Theater Guild
- 7—Falls Masquers
- 8—Showcase Theatre
- 9—Silver Lake Amateur Players Organization
- 10—Stow Players
- 11—Hudson Players
- 12—Peninsula Players
- 13—University of Akron, University Theatre, concert and lecture series
- 14—Kent State University, concerts and lectures
- 15—Hiram College, concerts and lectures
- 16—Sill School Auditorium (site of Cuyahoga Falls Civic Music Association concerts)
- 17—Goodyear Hall, home of Goodyear Spotlight Theatre, Goodyear Chorus and Orchestra, Youth Band
- 18—Copley Players
- 19—YWCA, site of lectures, concerts
- 20—YMCA, site of lectures, concerts
- 21—Stan Hywet Hall cultural center
- 22—Akron Museum of Natural History
- 23—Annevar Little Theatre
- 24—Ravenna Art Group
- 25—Portage County Historical Society Museum
- 26—Medina Masquers
- 27—Medina County Historical Society Museum
- 28—Medina Community Concert Association
- 29—Wadsworth Footlighters
- 30—Summit County Historical Society Museum (Perkins Mansion)
- 31—Summit County Historical Society Museum (John Brown Home)



## CULTURAL FACILITIES

- ART GALLERIES, INSTITUTES, MUSEUMS
- AUDITORIUMS
- LITTLE THEATRES
- COLLEGES WITH PUBLIC CULTURAL PROGRAMS

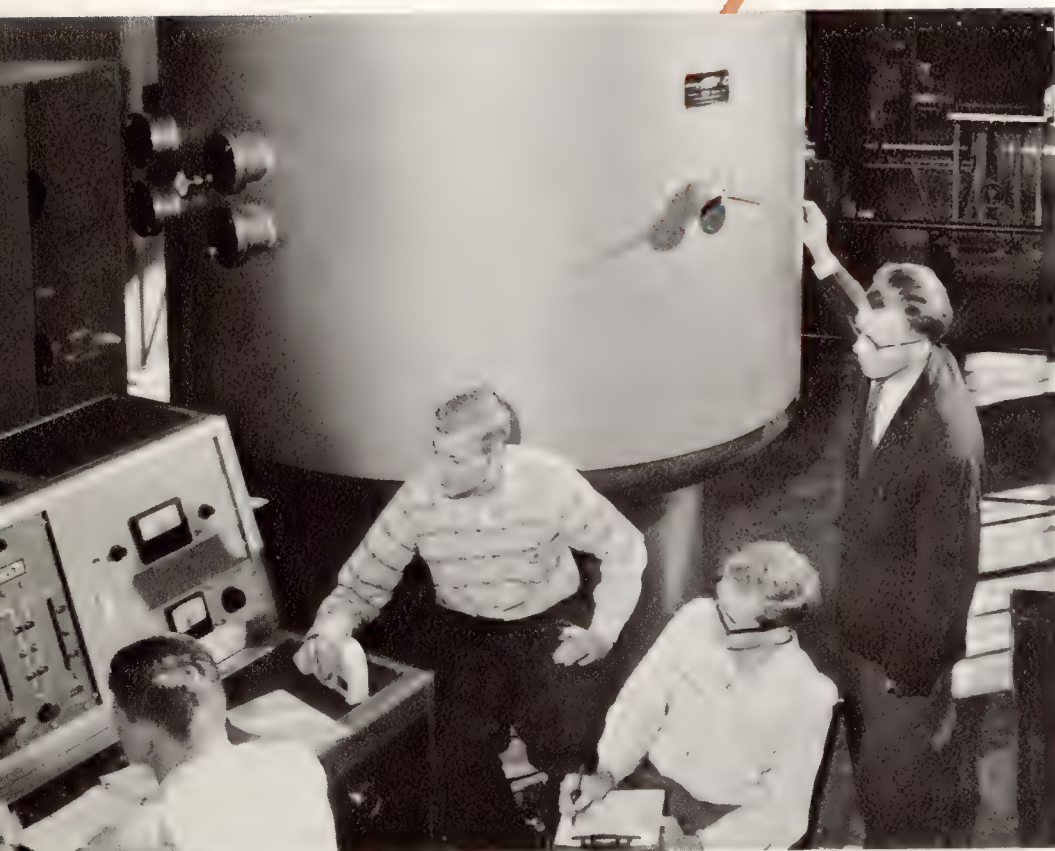




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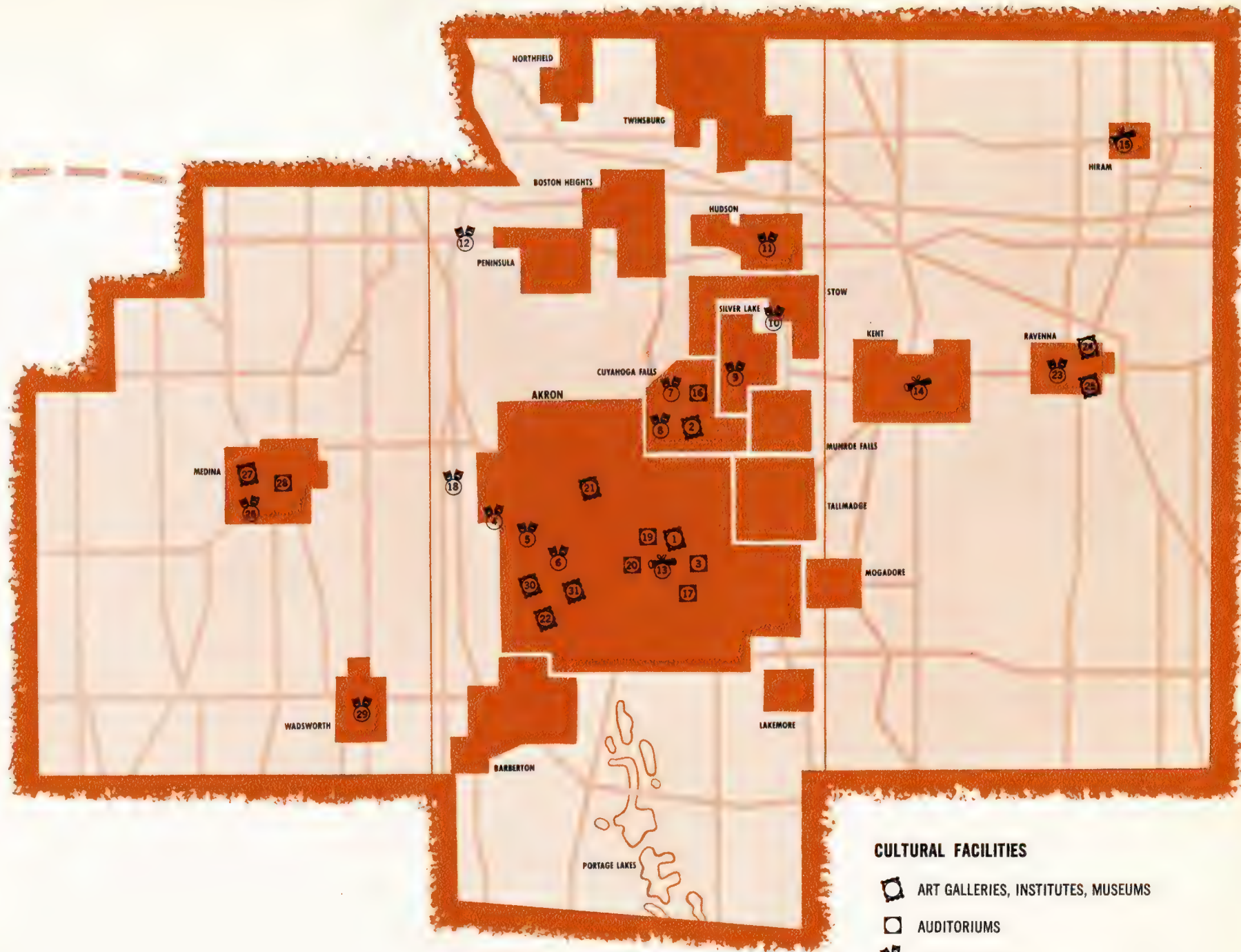


Students study an atomic reactor at Akron U....



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Akron is justly proud of its Symphony Orchestra . . .

# CULTURAL

## ACTIVITIES

"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life . . ." Like to visit art museums, hear symphony orchestras, stimulating lectures, go to the theatre, visit historical places, attend concerts by world-famous artists? You need not go outside the area for these cultural activities . . . we have them all right here. The Akron Symphony Orchestra, Youth Orchestra, Symphony Choral Society, Tuesday Musical concert series by world-famous artists, Cuyahoga Falls Civic Music Association concerts, Akron University's free concerts, and Kent State's concert series fill the air with music the year 'round. The Akron Woman's City Club, the YMCA, and Akron University bring to the area famous names in lecture and travel programs. Little theatres abound with 13 thriving community playhouses in the area. Stan Hywet Hall provides an unusual setting for a cultural center, while the Akron Art Institute brings all forms of creative art to the public. "The City of Garden Clubs," as Akron is sometimes called, has its full share of garden clubs, women's clubs, professional and business clubs. Whatever your choice in the cultural fields, we will be able to supply it.



. . . and its community theatres . . .







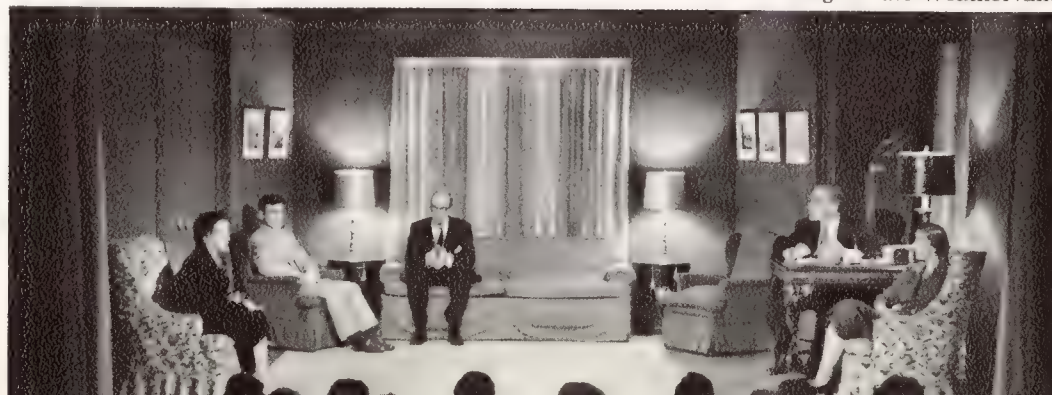
Stan Hywet Hall—the area's cultural center . . .



"Madame Butterfly" presented by Tuesday Musical Club . . . The Akron Art Institute . . .



. . . On stage at the Weathervane.





# CHURCHES

"Each one holds his own religion for the best . . ."



. . . whether  
Protestant . . .

Catholic . . .



Jewish . . .



. . . in city  
or country.





# RECREATION FACILITIES

- 1—Portage Country Club
- 2—Fairlawn Country Club
- 3—Rosemont Country Club
- 4—Montrose Swim Club
- 5—Firestone Country Club
- 6—Brookside Country Club
- 7—Turkeyfoot Country Club
- 8—Breathnach Country Club
- 9—Cuyahoga Falls Municipal Pool
- 10—Brookledge Golf Course
- 11—Good Park Golf Course
- 12—Loyal Oak Golf Club, Swim Club
- 13—Maplecrest Golf Club
- 14—Mayfair Golf and Country Club
- 15—Portage Lakes Park
- 16—Firestone Metropolitan Park
- 17—Goodyear Heights Metropolitan Park
- 18—Gorge Metropolitan Park
- 19—Sand Run Metropolitan Park
- 20—Munroe Falls Park Club
- 21—Silver Springs
- 22—Meadow Brook Lake
- 23—Tamsin Park
- 24—Wyoga Lake
- 25—Virginia Kendall State Park
- 26—Furnace Run Metropolitan Park
- 27—Hinckley Reservation
- 28—Nelson Kennedy State Reservation
- 29—Lake Forest Country Club
- 30—Western Reserve Academy
- 31—Twin Lakes Country Club
- 32—Tallmadge Springs Park
- 33—Chippewa Lake Park
- 34—Carol Jane Park
- 35—Silver Spur Ranch
- 36—Springfield Lake
- 37—Chestnut Hills Golf Course
- 38—Meadowview Golf Course
- 39—Green Hills Golf Course
- 40—Sunny Brook Golf Course
- 41—University of Akron
- 42—Akron Community Service Center
- 43—Akron Jewish Center
- 44—Lincoln School
- 45—Akron YMCA
- 46—Akron YWCA
- 47—Aurora Lake
- 48—Mogadore Golf Course
- 49—Silver Lake
- 50—Mogadore Reservoir
- 51—Hol-Hi Golf Course
- 52—Valley View Golf Club
- 53—Kent State University
- 54—Kent State Univ. School
- 55—Falls Community Y
- 56—Hill and Dale Club
- 57—Boston Heights Golf Club
- 58—Firestone Golf Links
- 59—Leroy Country Club
- 60—Bunker Hill Golf Course
- 61—Children's Zoo
- 62—Wadsworth Memorial Park
- 63—Wadsworth Municipal Pool
- 64—Ravenna City Park
- 65—Lake Hodgson Park
- 66—Aurora Country Club
- 67—Rolling Acres Beach Club
- 68—Thornton Junior High
- 69—Medina Municipal Pool
- 70—Medina Municipal Park
- 71—Rawiga, Inc.
- 72—Medina YMCA Camp Crag
- 73—Akron YMCA Camp Y-Noah
- 74—Hudson Springs
- 75—Sandy Lake
- 76—Duncanside Lake
- 77—Fairlawn Swim and Tennis Club
- 78—Sleepy Hollow Lake Club
- 79—Twin Pools Park Club
- 80—Northfield Raceway (harness)
- 81—Ascot Park Race Track



## RECREATION FACILITIES

- SWIMMING—POOLS, LAKES
- BOATING, FISHING
- GOLF COURSES
- PARKS
- RACE TRACKS



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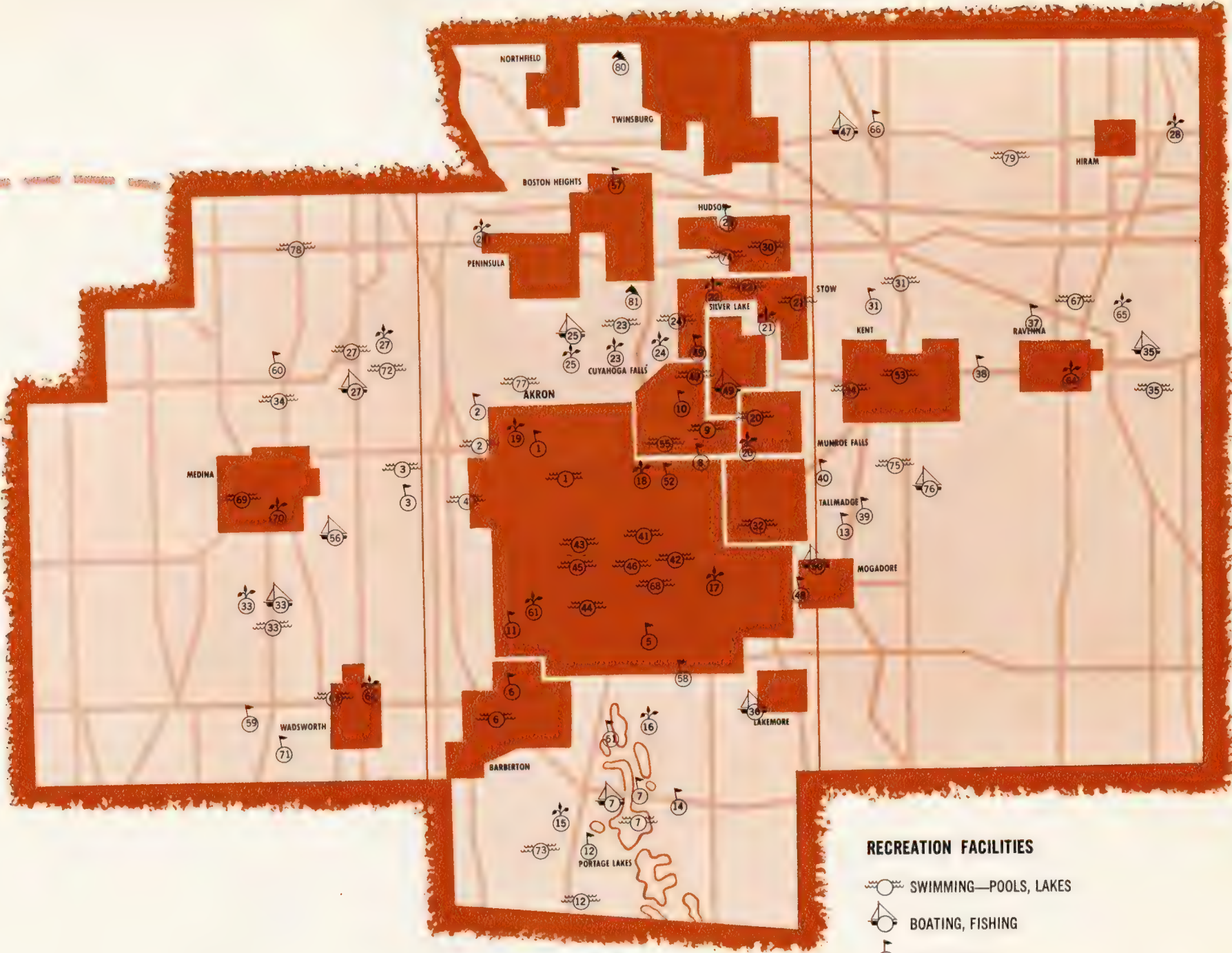


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The Portage Lakes . . . "Ohio's greatest inland water playground" . . .



# OUR PLAY

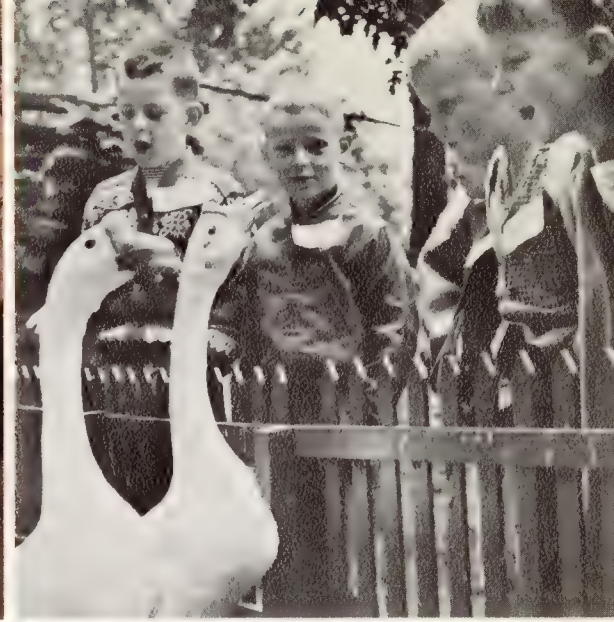
. . . one of 26 golf courses in the area . . .





"The bow, if never unbent, will lose its power..." Relaxation, the key to successful living, finds many interpretations in the Tri-County Area. A round of golf on one of the 26 area golf courses; or swimming, fishing or boating at the famous Portage Lakes water playground; or bowling with the 30,000 enthusiasts in our area. Both the YMCA and the YWCA provide activities for young and old, in large downtown centers and in branches in the suburbs. Scouting, Little Leagues, Bantam Football—ice skating, sledding and tobogganing—picnicking, hiking and bird watching in the 4500 acres of city and metropolitan parks—two museums and a children's zoo—these are the things our children enjoy. For the racing fans, there is Northfield Park and Ascot Raceway. Football, stock car racing, and many spectacles are staged in the Rubber Bowl, which seats 35,000. One of the most thrilling sports is the Annual All-American Soap Box Derby, "the greatest amateur racing event in the world." It has been held every year since 1936 at famous Derby Downs, right next to the Rubber Bowl. Whatever your leisure time activities, you can pursue them in the Tri-County Area!

# AREAS



Children find fun at the Children's Zoo . . .



. . . at Sand Run Park for a picnic . . .



. . . and skating at the Rubber Bowl.





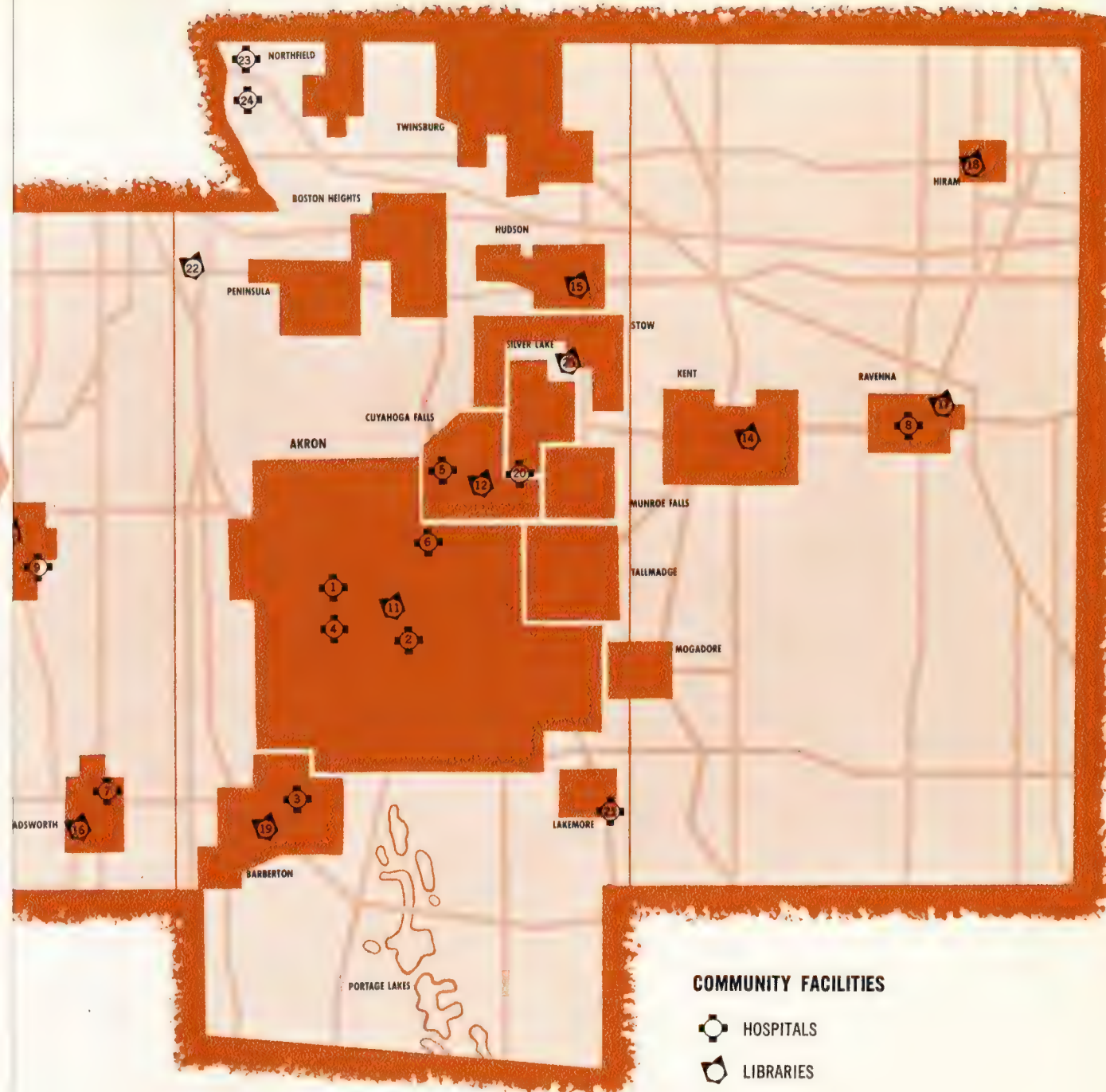
The "Y" is many things to many people . . .  
... "the greatest amateur racing event in the world."





# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- 1—Akron General Hospital
- 2—Akron City Hospital
- 3—Barberton Citizens Hospital
- 4—Children's Hospital
- 5—Green Cross General Hospital
- 6—St. Thomas Hospital
- 7—Wadsworth Municipal Hospital
- 8—Portage County Robinson Memorial Hospital
- 9—Medina Community Hospital
- 10—Lodi Hospital
- 11—Akron Public Library
- 12—Taylor Memorial Library
- 13—Franklin Sylvester Library
- 14—Kent Free Library
- 15—Hudson Library
- 16—Wadsworth Public Library
- 17—Reed Memorial Library
- 18—Hiram Traveling Library
- 19—Barberton Public Library
- 20—Summit County Receiving Hospital
- 21—Edwin Shaw Sanatorium
- 22—Peninsula Library
- 23—Hawthornden State Hospital
- 24—Children's Psychiatric Hospital
- 25—Stow Public Library



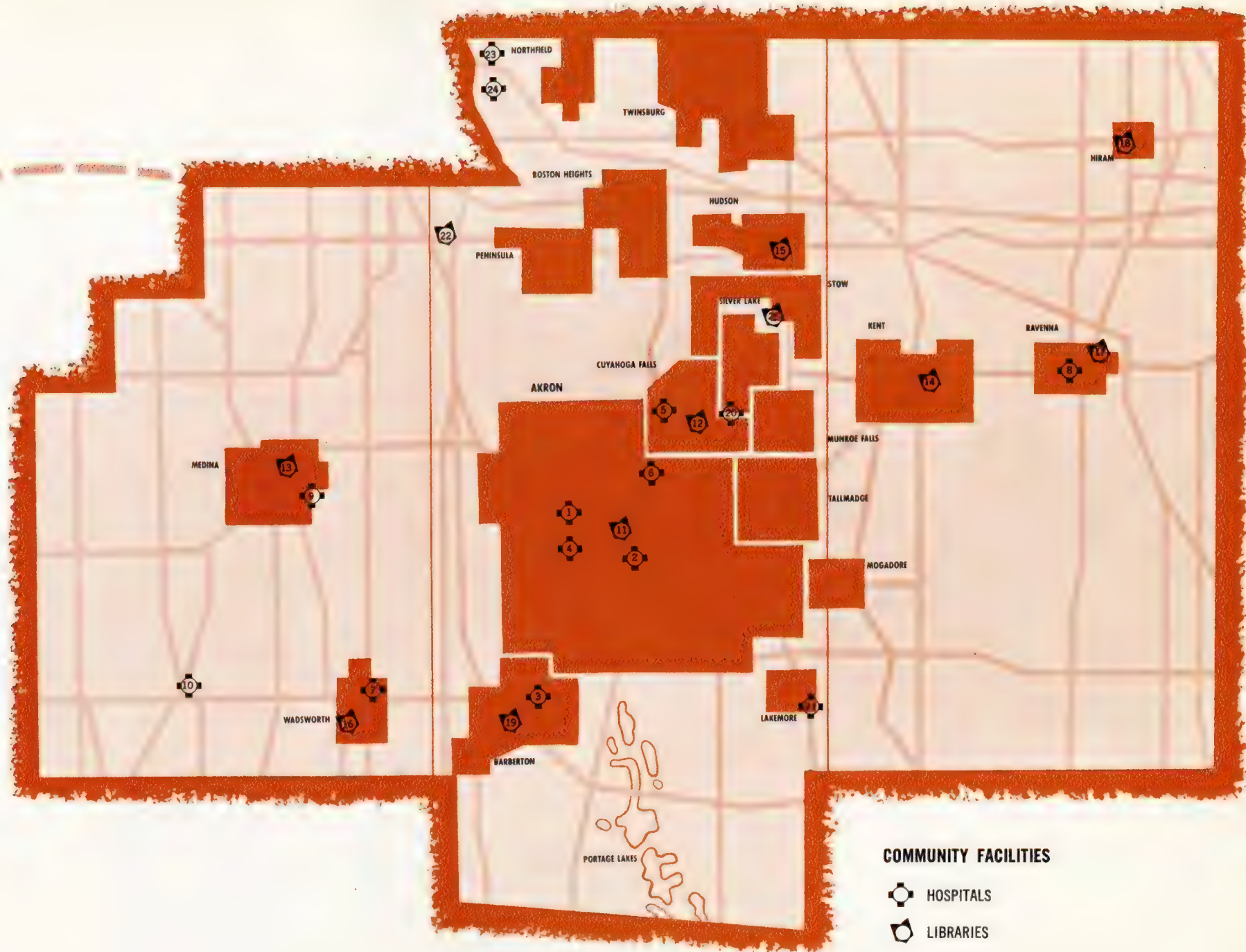




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Pure water comes from  
Akron's Water Treatment  
Plant at Lake Rockwell . . .



Books for everyone . . . at an Akron Public Library . . .

"Public office is a public trust..."  
Though no government is infallible,  
our elected officials are considered progressive, honest and just. They have helped their respective local governments keep pace with the growing population needs—new sewage systems and disposal plants, new water treatment plants, more and better police and fire protection, expanded utilities, larger judicial facilities, modern highways, improved streets and more schools and libraries. Our hospitals, though all independently owned and operated, have kept pace with the growth, too, by constructing new buildings and additions.



. . . and at Medina's Sylvester Library.



New municipal buildings are arising in the suburbs, like this at Cuyahoga Falls.



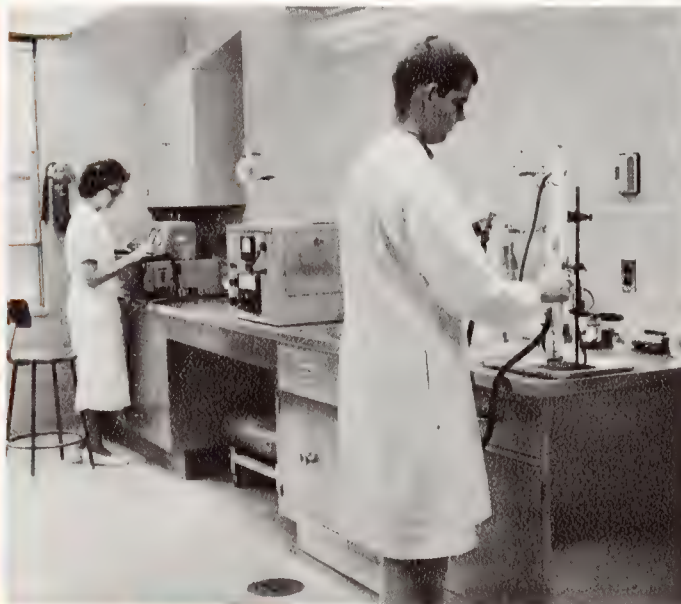
# COMMUNITY

## FACILITIES and SERVICES

One of the many new fire stations with training equipment . . .



Inside our hospitals are well-equipped laboratories . . .



...and expanding nurseries.





St. Thomas Hospital . . .

Helping to care for the sick . . .

Akron City . . .



Children's . . .



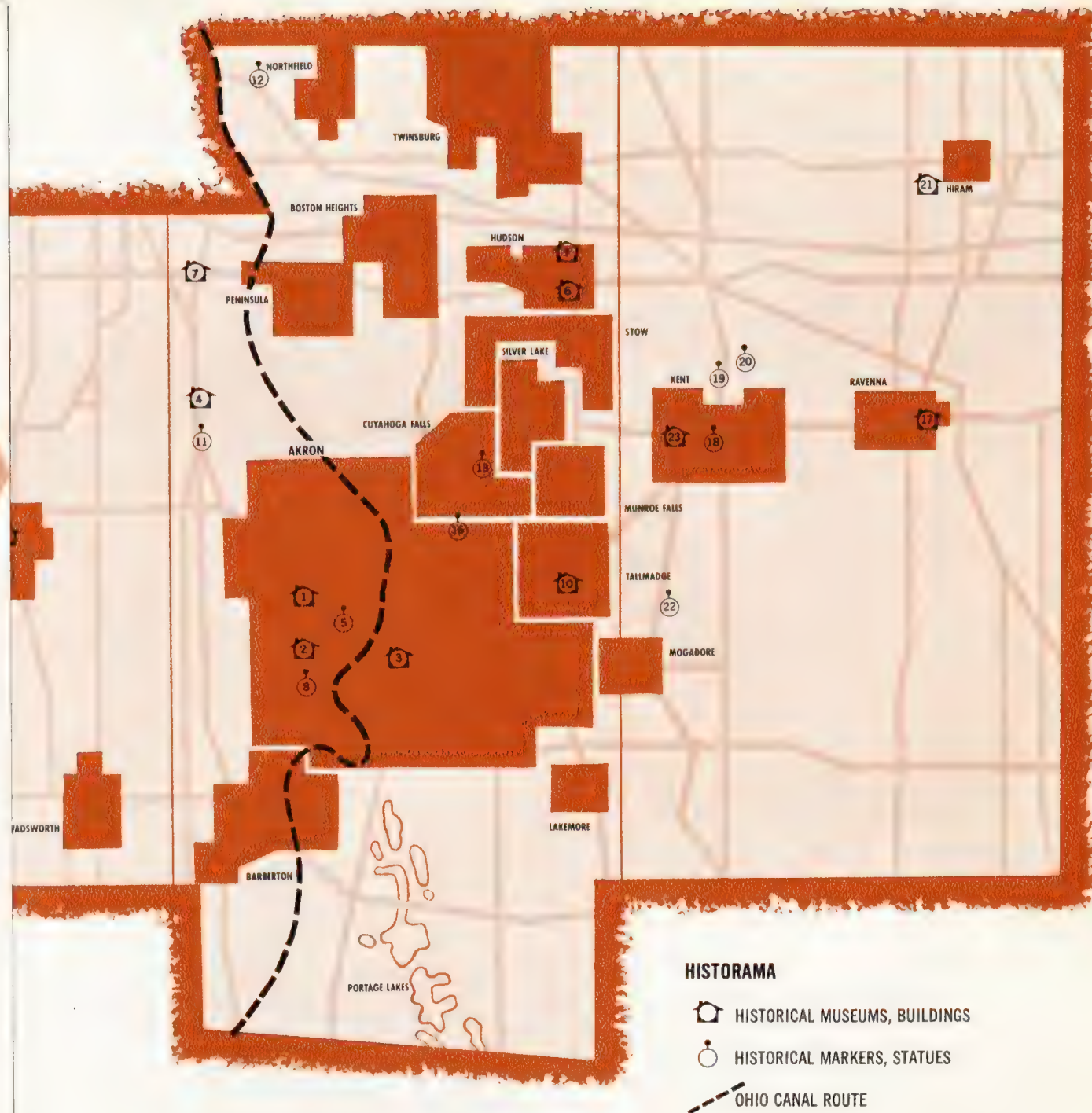
. . . and Akron General.





# HISTORAMA

- 1—John Brown Home
- 2—Perkins Mansion
- 3—Old Stone School
- 4—Hale Homestead
- 5—Indian Statue on Portage Path
- 6—Hudson Historical Society Museum
- 7—Peninsula Historical Society Museum
- 8—John Brown Monument, Perkins Park
- 9—Anna Lee-Hudson Home (1806)
- 10—Tallmadge Congregational Church (1825)
- 11—Covered Bridge at Everett
- 12—Prehistoric Mound on Canal Road
- 13—Stone Railroad Bridge, site of first grist mill (1812)
- 14—Munson House
- 15—Millstones from Bagdad grist mill (1824)
- 16—Old Maid's Kitchen
- 17—Portage County Historical Society Museum
- 18—Captain Samuel Brady marker, Kent
- 19—Captain Samuel Brady plaque, Brady Lake
- 20—Standing Rock
- 21—Mormon Joseph Smith Home (1828)
- 22—John Boosinger Monument (first Brimfield settler)
- 23—Kent family home







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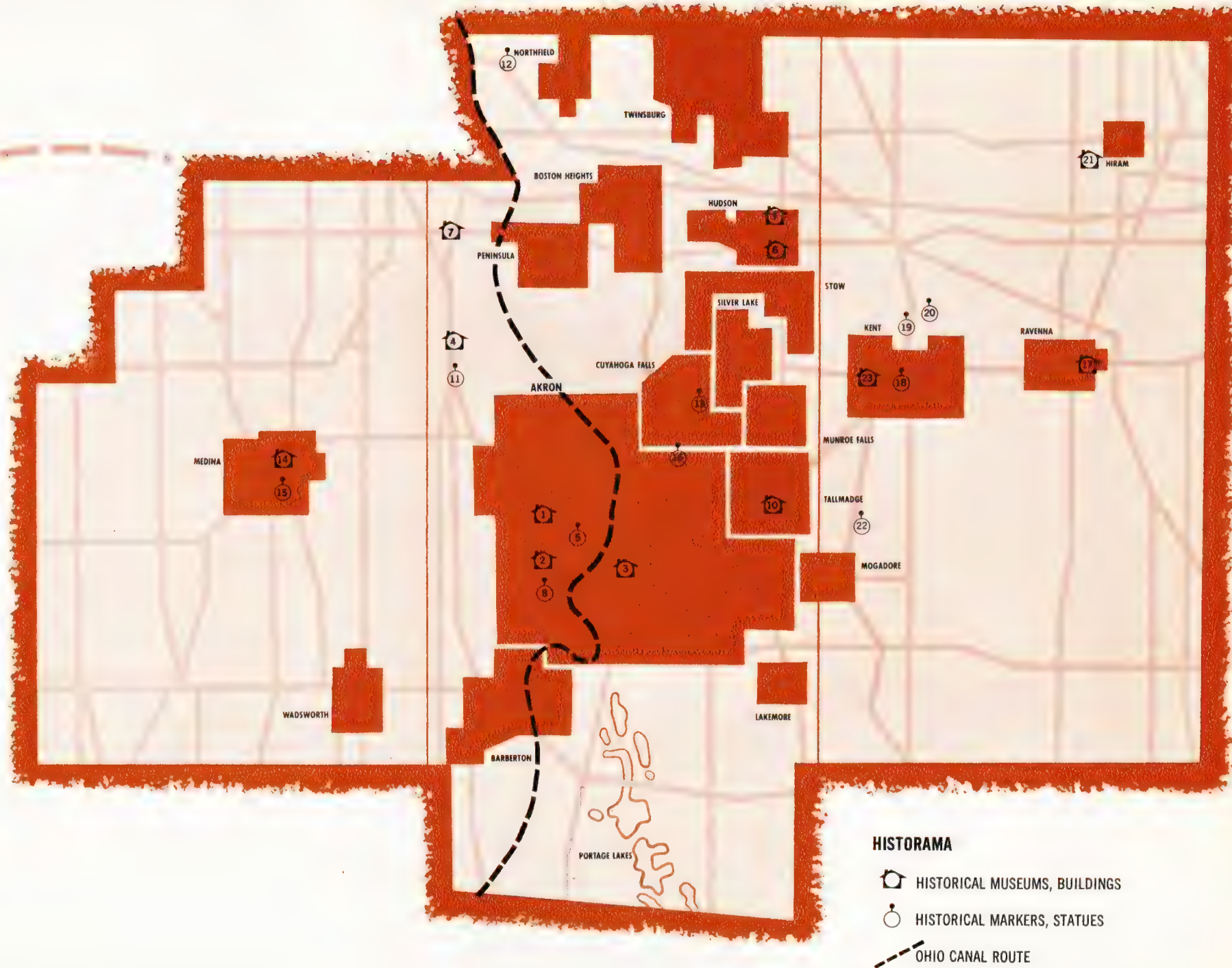
Child



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Akron's first public school where the graded school plan began . . .



The Perkins Mansion, now a historical museum . . .

# AKRON AREA'S HISTORAMA



Built in 1806, the Anna Lee-Hudson Home is the oldest in Summit County . . .







Exploring a cave in Gorge Metropolitan Park, where Indians once held captive a little white girl . . .



“From small beginnings come great things . . .” Back in 1785 the western boundary of the United States was a famous Indian portage between the Cuyahoga River on the north and the Tuscarawas River on the south. In 1827 the Erie Canal was opened connecting Lake Erie and the Ohio River, and at the highest spot on the canal a settlement of 600 had sprung up. Called Akron from the Greek “akros” meaning high, the mill town numbered 2,314 in 1840. After Dr. B. F. Goodrich moved his rubber factory from Melrose, N. Y., to Akron in 1870, the city grew rapidly. By 1915, it had grown to 100,000 and the famous old Indian trail of the Western Reserve had become

Akron’s very fashionable Portage Path at the west edge of town. The city has now grown far beyond Portage Path, with seven suburban cities and 26 villages encircling the metropolis. The population of the Greater Akron area, including Medina, Portage and Summit counties, is now 650,000 and is still growing. Each of the three counties is rich in historical drama; and for those who seek them out, many interesting places and stories can be found throughout the area, keynoting the transition from Indian territory, to Western Reserve, to the midwestern state of Ohio, past and present.

The oldest brick house in Summit County, Hale Homestead is now a museum containing many relics of the past.



The John Brown Home commemorates the 1844-46 residence of John Brown of Harper’s Ferry fame.

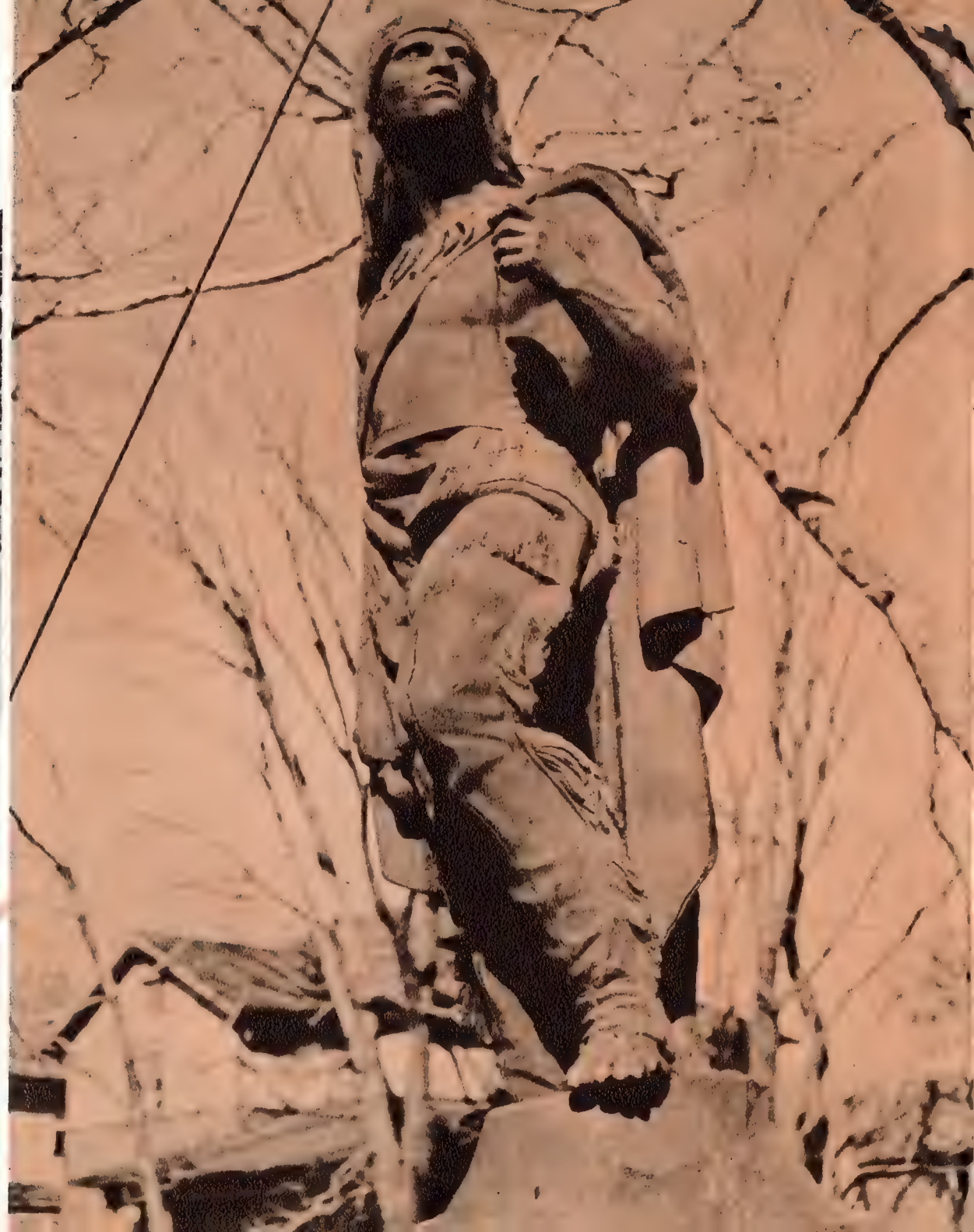






This picturesque covered bridge at Everett was built in 1856 . . .

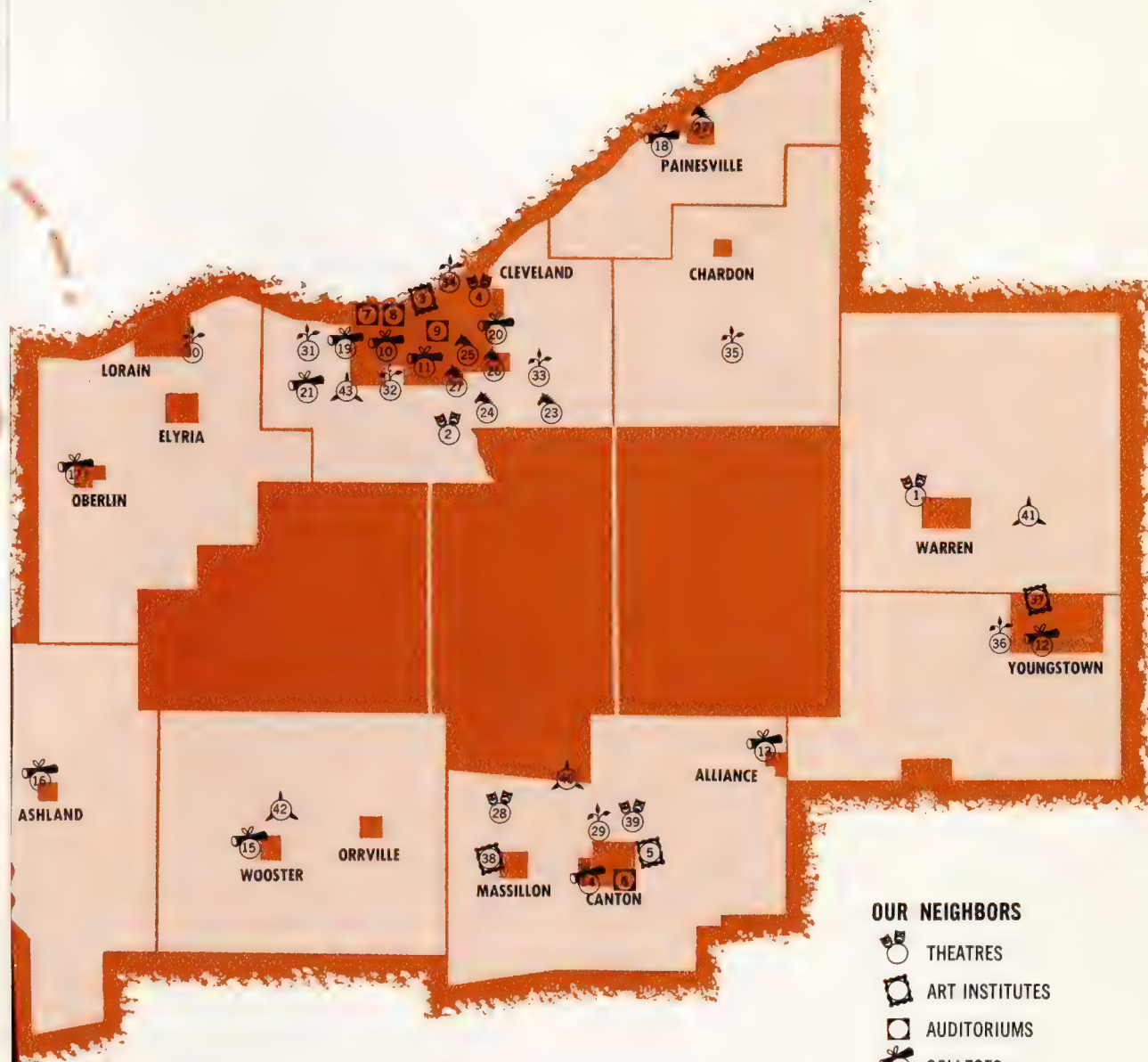
"The Indian" stands at the entrance to famous Portage Path, the route the Indians used from the Cuyahoga to the Tuscarawas Rivers.





# OUR NEIGHBORS

- 1—Kenley Players, Packard Music Hall
- 2—Musicarnival
- 3—Cleveland Museum of Art
- 4—Cleveland Playhouse
- 5—Canton Art Institute
- 6—Canton Auditorium, site of concerts, lectures
- 7—Cleveland Public Auditorium, site of concerts, lectures, opera
- 8—Cleveland Music Hall, site of concerts, lectures
- 9—Severance Hall, home of Cleveland Orchestra
- 10—Case Institute of Technology
- 11—Western Reserve University
- 12—Youngstown College
- 13—Mount Union College
- 14—Malone College
- 15—College of Wooster
- 16—Ashland College
- 17—Oberlin College
- 18—Lake Erie College for Women
- 19—Fenn College
- 20—John Carroll University
- 21—Baldwin-Wallace College
- 22—Painesville Raceway (harness)
- 23—Grandview Race Track (harness)
- 24—Northfield Raceway (harness)
- 25—Cranwood Race Track
- 26—Thistledown Race Track
- 27—Randall Race Track
- 28—Canal Fulton Summer Theatre
- 29—Canton Municipal Parks
- 30—Cromwell Park
- 31—Rocky River Reservation
- 32—Big Creek Park
- 33—Bedford Reservation
- 34—Gordon Park
- 35—Lake Punderson State Park
- 36—Mill Creek Park
- 37—Butler Art Institute
- 38—Massillon Museum
- 39—Canton Theatre Guild
- 40—Akron-Canton Airport
- 41—Youngstown Municipal Airport
- 42—Wooster Airport
- 43—Cleveland Hopkins Airport



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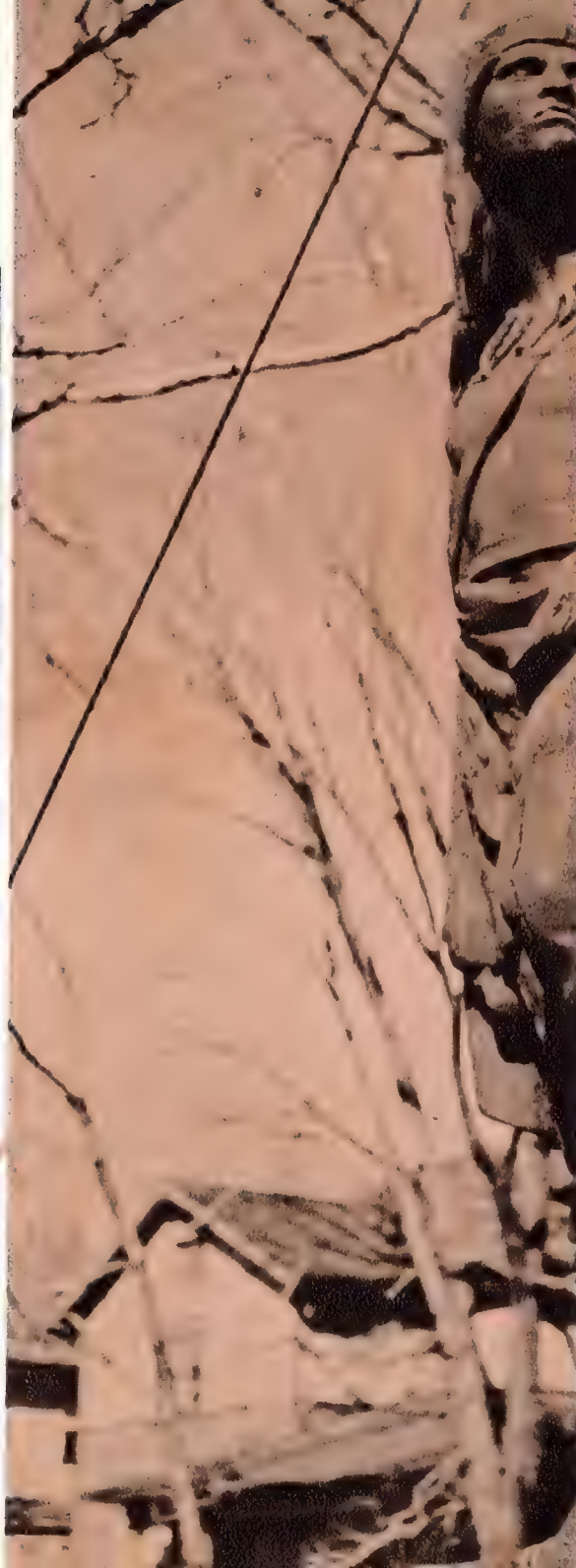
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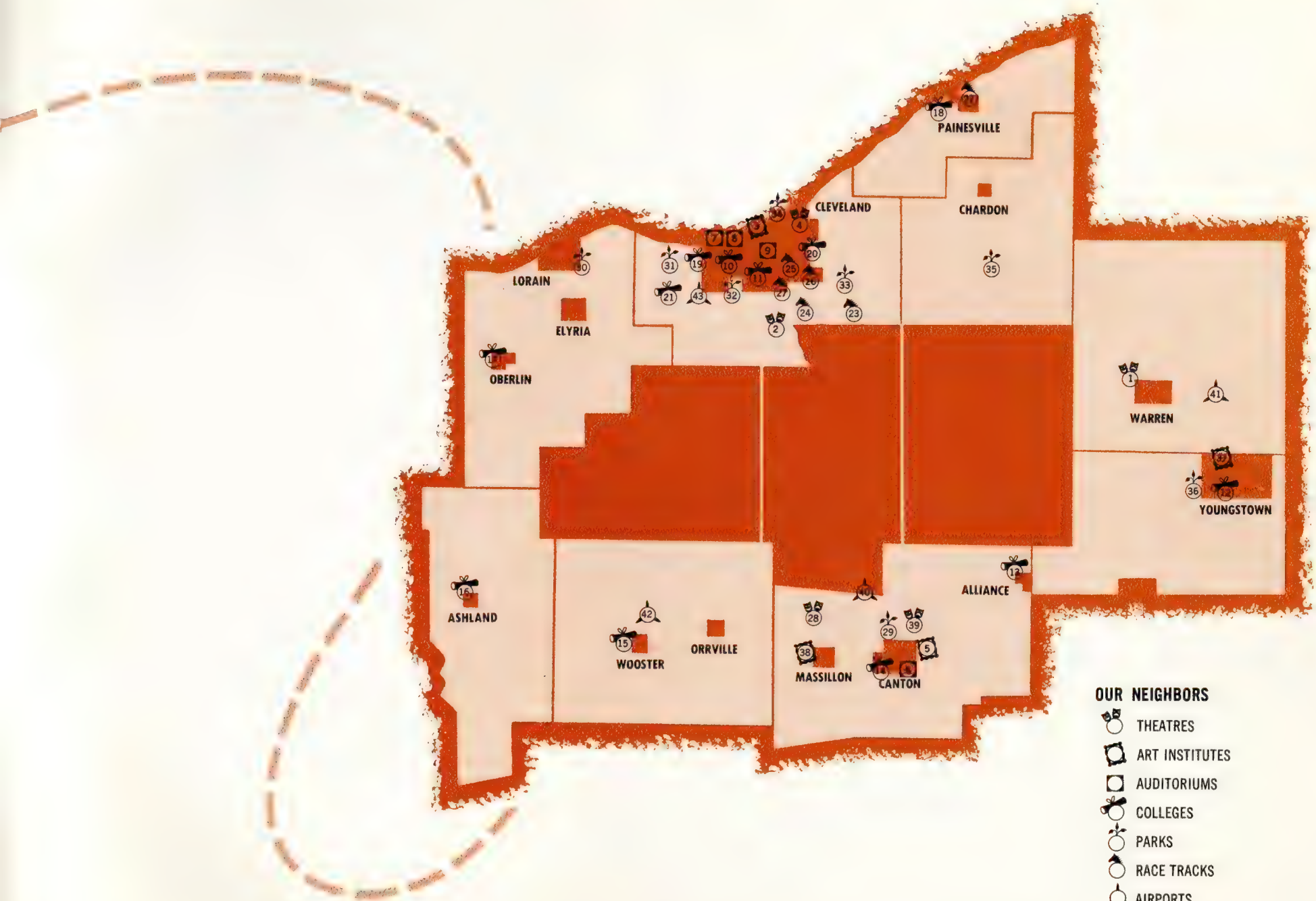


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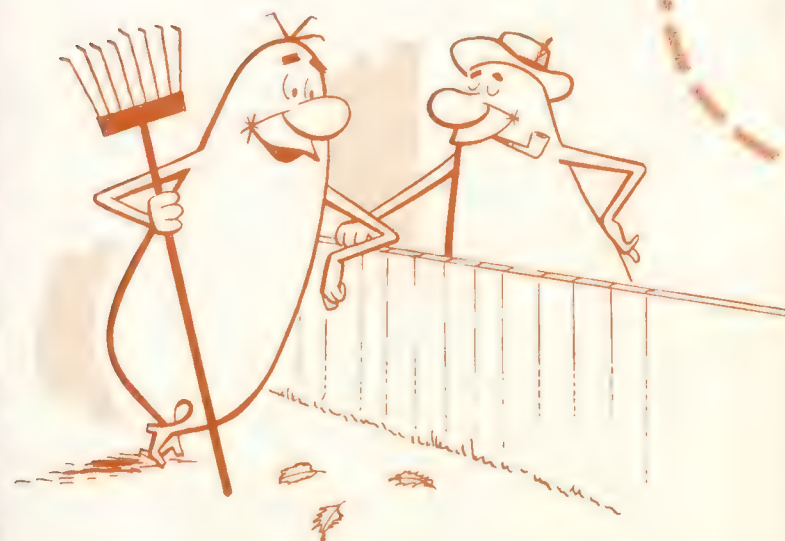
# NEIGHBORING OPPORTUNITIES

"No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor..." Although the Tri-County Area is proud to stand alone in many fields, it also has a unique array of neighbors which contributes much to the life and culture of the region. Warren, just 30 miles from Akron, has a fine summer theatre at the Packard Music Hall; Musicarnival at Warrensville Heights north of Akron and the Canal Fulton Summer Theatre to the south, bill Broadway stars each summer. Mount Union, Oberlin and Wooster Colleges offer a wide variety of courses, concerts, lectures and cultural events. Case and Western Reserve in nearby Cleveland, both renowned institutions of higher learning, are just 45 minutes away. New York shows play Cleveland theatres regularly and the Metropolitan Opera comes for a week every spring. The Cleveland Orchestra gives regular concerts during the season and the Pops Orchestra provides summer entertainment at the lakeside outdoor band shell. For art lovers, there is the Cleveland Museum of Art; for sports fans, the American League Indians, the Browns, the Barons hockey team, and four major race tracks. Recreation facilities abound in our neighboring counties. No matter what direction you look to, we have nice neighbors.

Severence Hall, home of the Cleveland Orchestra . . .



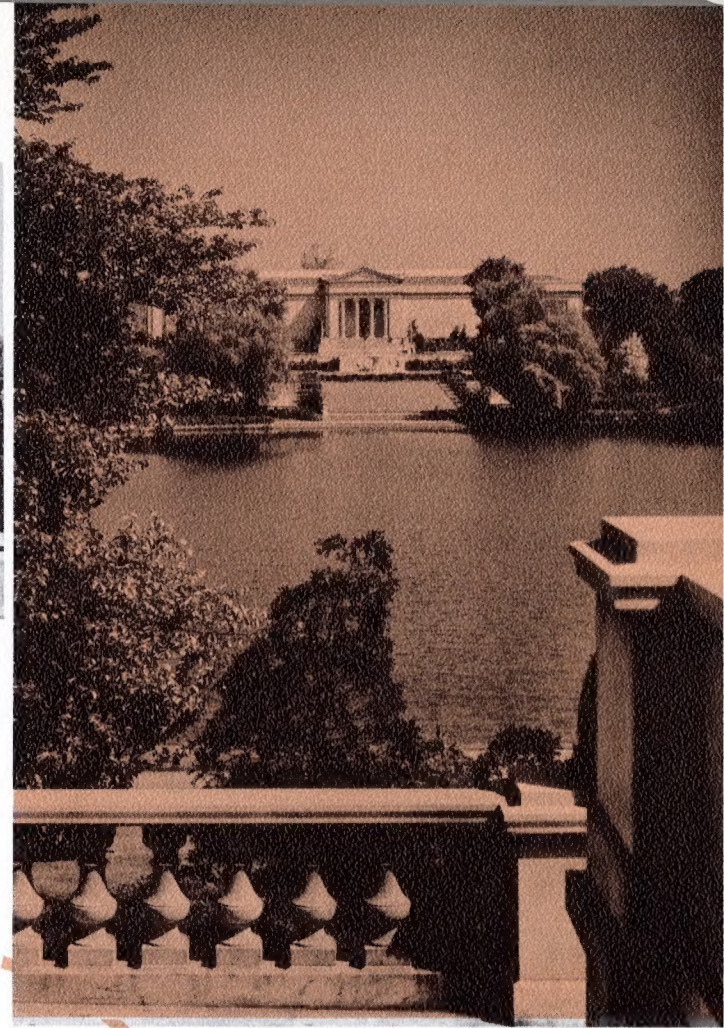
. . . a rehearsal scene at Musicarnival, Warrensville Heights . . .



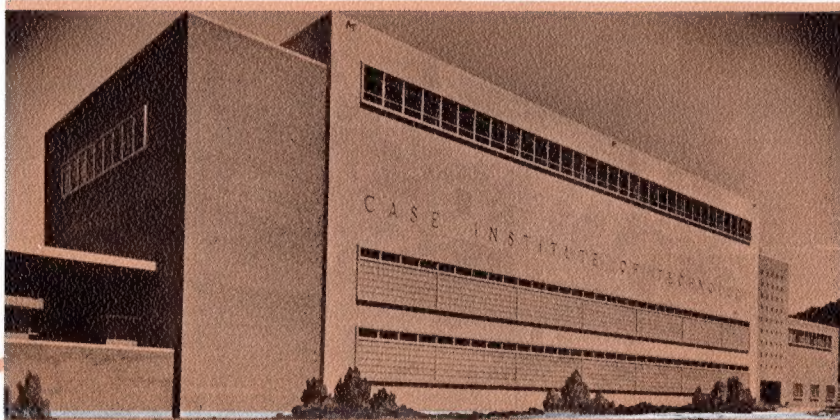




... the Packard Music Hall at Warren ...



... the famous Cleveland Museum of Art  
at University Circle ...



... Case and Western Reserve—two of  
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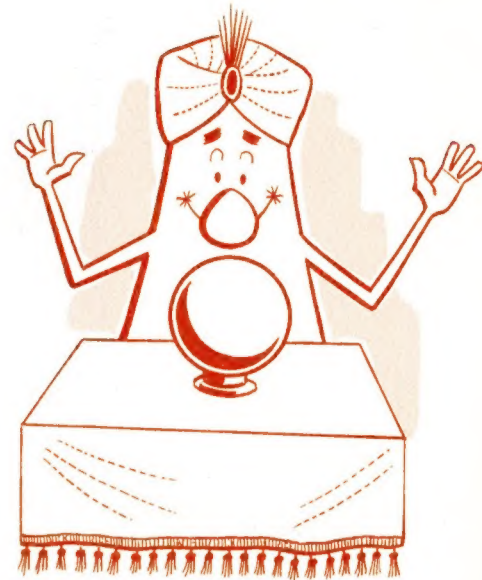




# THE

# FUTURE

"The best is yet to come . . ." Of course we like the Tri-County Area as it is, but we don't expect it to always stay this way. Inevitable changes occur, and we are looking forward to tomorrow with great eagerness. Downtown Akron has launched a redevelopment campaign that will ultimately change the face of the entire city. Roof gardens, underground parking, a civic center, a mall with fountains and gardens, and beautiful shops and office buildings all are part of this plan. Urban renewal is also taking place in the smaller cities surrounding Akron. The newer suburban communities, growing by leaps and bounds, are just as fast building new schools, hospitals and churches, expanding highway programs and utility services, and adding to police and fire facilities. Whatever the future holds for the Akron area, we believe "the best is yet to come."



Downtown Akron may look like this Tomorrow





AKRON-SUMMIT COUNTY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



**THANKS**  
*See you soon!*



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